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## JAPANESE PROTEST ON H.K. AIR VISITS

Spokesman's Version Of Imperial Airways Incident

### Britain Not Ready To Grant Parity To Italy

LONDON, TO-DAY.  
COMMENTING ON LORD  
HALIFAX'S CONSULTATIONS  
WITH LORD PERTH BRITISH  
AMBASSADOR IN ROME, THE  
"EVENING NEWS", SAYS  
THAT BRITAIN IS NOT PRE-  
PARED TO CONCEDE TO  
ITALY NAVAL PARITY IN  
THE MEDITERRANEAN,  
SINCE IN VIEW OF HER EX-  
TENSIVE IMPERIAL INTER-  
ESTS, BRITAIN MUST MAIN-  
TAIN A STRONGER FLEET IN  
THE MEDITERRANEAN THAN  
ITALY.

With reference to the Abyssinian  
question, the paper declares that  
Britain and France are now willing  
to recognise the Italian conquest if  
the question is settled by the  
League of Nations, and all Italian  
volunteers are withdrawn from  
Spain.

#### COLONIAL DEMANDS

The paper moreover asserts  
that negotiations have been go-  
ing on for some time between  
Britain and France regarding the  
question of Germany's colonial  
demands, and that the British  
Government also has already en-  
tered into consultation with the  
Dominion Governments regarding  
this problem.

These consultations, however,  
have not yet been concluded, so  
that it is unlikely that a thorough  
examination of Germany's colonial  
demands will be possible in the  
course of diplomatic parleys which  
will take place during the visit to  
London of the German Foreign  
Minister, Herr von Ribbentrop. —  
Trans-Ocean.

### CLOUDY WEATHER

The Royal Observatory reports  
that the anticyclone has moved in-  
to the Pacific to the east of Japan,  
and another is probably developing  
over Mongolia. A shallow depres-  
sion covers Manchuria.

Local forecast:—E. winds, mo-  
derate, cloudy.

## 2 MONOPLANES OVER JAPANESE ANCHORAGE

### CHASED UNTIL IDENTIFIED AS BRITISH

Shanghai, To-day.

Questioned regarding the alleged attack on the  
Imperial Airways plane, Delphinus, south of  
Hong Kong, the Japanese naval spokesman, at  
a press conference this morning, declared that  
he had no information and knew nothing about  
any incident concerning the Imperial Airways.  
He said, however, that on February 21, the day of  
the alleged attack, a strange plane appeared  
over the Japanese naval anchorage a consider-  
able distance from Hong Kong at a height of  
about 3,500 metres (between 11,000 and 12,000  
feet) which was identified as a twin-engined  
monoplane.

He declared that Japanese  
planes pursued the machine to-  
wards Hong Kong until they  
perceived the British insignia.

On the same day, another  
monoplane was sighted over the  
anchorage which was also chased  
until it was discovered to be Bri-  
tish.

#### PROTEST TO HONG KONG

The Japanese authorities drew  
attention of the British naval  
authorities on February 22 to  
the fact that such flights were  
"potential causes of friction,"  
and requested the British to

abandon the practice.

The British authorities replied  
that these were passenger  
planes. The spokesman added  
that this was the first time that  
British planes had appeared  
over the Japanese naval anchor-  
age. — Reuter.

### LONDON NAVAL TALKS

Tokyo, To-day.

Domei's London correspondent  
telegraphed this morning a state-  
ment by one of the American re-  
presentatives in the three-Power  
naval talks, declaring that no offi-  
cial conference was contemplated at  
the present time.

The talks beginning to-day are  
unofficial in character, the experts  
of the three countries meeting for  
an exchange of views.

Any conclusions reached will be  
submitted to their respective govern-  
ments for approval. — Our Own Cor-  
respondent.

### IDENTITY OF TERROR VICTIMS ESTABLISHED

Shanghai, To-day.  
The mystery of the human heads  
found at various places in Shang-  
hai recently, with notices affixed  
announcing that the heads belonged  
to men who "were executed because  
of their anti-Japanese activities,"  
is now apparently partially solved.  
The director of the Refugee Re-  
lief Camp in Shanghai declared  
yesterday that he was virtually cer-  
tain that three of the five heads  
found are the heads of former in-  
mates of the camp who left to work  
in Nantao.

Although the identity of some of  
the decapitated men thus appears  
to be established, the police have  
not yet found the slightest clue  
that might lead to discovery of the  
terrorists who committed the  
outrages. — Trans-Ocean.

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Talent scouts don't use them when they hunt out new faces for the screen. They plumb character for the extent of its talent flair.

Next, they consider the physical side and how it will reproduce in movie shadows and angles. Together, these comprise sort of an extraordinary intelligence test.

Fifty questions, covering every phase of what is necessary to qualify for work in the movies to-day, appear in this article.

All major picture companies to-day are reaching out with nets to gather in people who should be on the screen.

Some years as many as 15,000 people apply for entrance to the Paramount star "laboratory," of which only 300 qualify.

When time comes for commencement exercises and the journey to Hollywood even this group, more often than not, is whittled down to six or seven persons.

To give the public an idea of what it really takes to register on the screen to-day—being a pretty girl or a handsome lad counts about ten per cent. in the examination—an expert has prepared fifty questions,



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Persons who are seriously interested in Hollywood may answer the questions. His only advice to them is to be honest with themselves.

Try them yourself, and see what sort of a chance you would have!

Counting two points for each correct answer—it is obvious from the way the questions are framed what is wanted—you can feel quite confident if you score a hundred.

With eighty points you would stand a fair chance, with fifty an even chance—but for anyone under, say, thirty points, there is no hope at all!

### PHOTOGRAPHIC APPEAL

- 1.—Are you under 5ft. 10in. in height and well proportioned?
- 2.—Are you free from all serious physical disabilities?
- 3.—Are you under 140 pounds in weight?
- 4.—Are you able to walk naturally and gracefully?
- 5.—Have you a good figure?
- 6.—Have you a photogenic face?
- 7.—Is your face round in shape?
- 8.—Are your eyes large?
- 9.—Are they deepest?
- 10.—Are they wide apart?
- 11.—Is your forehead well proportioned?
- 12.—Is your hairline too far down on your forehead, or does it come forward too far at your temples?
- 13.—Are your ears well proportioned and set close to your head?
- 14.—Is your nose well shaped?
- 15.—Is it prominent?
- 16.—Are your mouth and lips the proper size and shape?
- 17.—Do you show too much gum line when you smile?
- 18.—Have you an attractive straight set of teeth?
- 19.—Have you a strong or weak chin (men)?



HOLLYWOOD'S NEWEST "CINDERELLA" Dorothy Lamour is one of Hollywood's most recent discoveries. She is only 22, a former cabaret singer, too timid to try for a film opening until a test was forced upon her. With her striking appearance and poise, you wouldn't think she had an inferiority complex, would you? Her very first film was "The Jungle Princess."

- 20.—Have you a normal, protruding, or receding chin (women)?
- 21.—Does your profile photograph well?
- 22.—Have you attractive hands (women)?
- 23.—Are your feet of normal size (women)?
- 24.—Have you good posture?
- 25.—Do you move gracefully?

### PERSONALITY

- 26.—Do you make friends easily?
- 27.—Do you "wear well" (do your friends remain your friends)?

- 28.—Are you attractive to men (for women)?
- 29.—Are you attractive to women (for men)?
- 30.—Have you a good education?
- 31.—Are you well read?
- 32.—Have you travelled extensively?
- 33.—Has your work brought you in contact with many people?
- 34.—Have you any outstanding quality that makes you distinctive either individually or in a group?

### ABILITY AND EXPERIENCE

- 35.—Are you considered intelligent?
- 36.—Do you grasp things quickly?
- 37.—Have you a retentive memory?
- 38.—Is your diction good?
- 39.—Have you any local accent?
- 40.—Have you good voice quality?
- 41.—Have you good tone modulation?
- 42.—Are you easily moved emotionally?
- 43.—Can you express yourself fluently and convey emotions vividly?
- 44.—Have you had any dramatic experience?
- 45.—If not, what kind of work have you done most closely related to it?

### SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS

- 46.—Do you sing?
- 47.—Do you dance?
- 48.—If so, have you performed professionally; if not, have you had any training?
- 49.—Are you accomplished in any special activities (sports, instruments, etc.)?
- 50.—Have you ever been considered for a screen test?

## Hollywood Wants New Faces But Please Read These "Don't's"

Hollywood is looking for new faces. And if you are an aspiring film star, it is no good trying to imitate some other star.

This, anyhow, is the advice of Mr. Tay Garnett, the director and writer, who listed the greatest dangers to be avoided by all those seeking a film career.

Here is his of "don'ts":—

1. Don't come to Hollywood for a career unless you have money enough to live comfortably for at least six months, without a cent of salary.
2. Don't try to crash the films as a sideline. You will find yourself spending hours waiting for interviews, and the time executive have to give to seeing you may not coincide with the time you can get off from a regular job.

### DRESS WELL

3. Don't seek an acting job unless

you have a varied wardrobe of good clothes. Nothing indicates desperation in getting a chance so quickly as poor clothes.

4. Don't try to look like any other star. Hollywood is looking for new and different faces.

5. Don't turn down jobs when you are starting your career. You need experience and to be seen frequently on the screen.

6. Don't develop an "act." This is trying to appear contrary to your own personality, and is easily recognised as artificial.

7. Don't fail to be nice to those on your way up, for you may meet the same ones on your way down.

8. Don't fail to save money. The come-back trail in Hollywood is harder to climb than the one for the newcomer.

# THE WAY YOU BATH SHOWS

## THE WAY YOU THINK!

... There's only one way of getting into a bath—and that's to step in. But once you're there everyone has some pet method of bathing, which reveals a lot about their character, says this psychologist.

In America, where strange things still do happen, a couple have installed twin baths in their honeymoon flat.

The aim, I gather, is to begin each day in song and harmony.

Bathroom psychology has not yet been adequately studied.

The psychologist could learn a lot in the bathroom—how people behave when stripped of clothes and convention.

I have made a few important preliminary observations of my own. The conventional idea about the man who bellows in his bath—women, for some reason, don't, they seem to be soothed and silenced by a running tap—is that he is bubbling over with the joy of living.

Happy, maybe, but not very considerate, nor very sensitive to the feelings of others, and rather deficient in the capacity for self-criticism.

### PERENNIAL COLD-TUBBER

We all know the inveterate, all-the-year-round cold-tubber—who will not use hot water except for tea and shaving.

He usually has a strong sense of guilt, a highly developed consciousness of sin, and a secret feeling of inferiority to other people.

Before twenty-five it is not so serious. In Anglo-Saxon men below that age the sense of sin is quite highly developed.

Women are not affected—there are some who doubt whether women have a sense of sin, anyway!

After twenty-five, cold-tubbing—unless one has to—suggests a highly chronic neurotic tendency.

At the other extreme is the addict to hot baths—the hot-soaker.

She—it often is—prefers a deep, three-quarter full, bath and wallows in it, smoking or reading a book.

Taken in the morning, it indicates that she—or he—is timorous about life, has little innate vitality, or is temporarily in a state of depression. Often she pulls the plug out, but still lies in the bath until all the water has run out.

The tough, tense, keen, ambitious, possibly over-anxious person takes a shallow bath—three inches is enough—and does not linger long.

He washes first and relaxes afterwards—if at all.

He stands most of the time and dislikes sitting or lying. He often squats in the bath and washes just in running water.

If he is more poised, he relaxes for a time, sits in the bath, may even shave there, or if it is a "she" may manicure her nails.

### HAT-SOAKER TYPE

The person who relaxes first and then washes—possibly in a great hurry or rather slapdash—is of the timorous hot-soaker type.

He often uses his hands instead of a sponge or flannel.

I wouldn't suspect all bathroom splashers of an anti-social attitude towards their fellowmen—unless and until proved otherwise.

**WHAT DO YOU DO?** When you have your bath, is it your habit to manicure your nails? To read? To sing? Or do you relax for an hour and smoke?

Rarely it may be that they are so distracted by their internal worries that they forget to consider others. But generally they are just plain selfish and show the other usual signs.

They leave the bath mat soaking, the bath unrinsed and the plug unpulled. The soap is often left in the water.

And lastly, an interesting specimen, who a psychiatrist would say is more than somewhat "obsessional."

Stealthily he creeps in, remains quietly closeted for a long time, then stealthily creeps out.

If he meets you on the way out, he glares.

He leaves the bath-mat straight and parallel to the bath—the soap rinsed, lengthwise and parallel to the sides of the soap-dish.

His washing and shaving follow a silent elaborate ritual.

One suspects that he washes—and dries—every square inch of his skin in a certain preordained order.

Bathing, to him, is a symbolic and highly important ritual—getting rid of the dirt, moral and physical.

For he has a worried conscience, and is plagued by doubt and indecision.

It may be quite an effort for him to decide whether he should put on his left garter first—or vice versa.

He is secretive, never gives way to a spontaneous impulse, grows crankier with age, loves routine, and will never be a leader of men.

If he could afford it, he would have a bathroom to himself.

## SMART TALK

Add to your black winter dress a chic new draped turban in printed satin in bright colours.

A gray-haired woman would look more than chic in a full length reefer coat worn with a bright green ascot scarf and hat.

A duet to smarten your formal frock might include a pair of satin evening slippers embroidered in rhinestones, matched to long satin gloves with the same rhinestone motif on their cuffs.

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## SENSATIONAL EVIDENCE ANTICIPATED IN NEW MOSCOW PURGE TRIAL

Moscow, To-day.

Sensations exceeding even those customary in Soviet trials are expected to feature the forthcoming court proceedings against the imposing list of alleged Trotskyists and Menshevists.

The charges with which accused are faced, place all former trials completely in the shade, and Moscow is awaiting the confessions (which it is expected the twenty-one defendants will make) with more than usual interest.

Most of the accused have been under arrest for several months, and it is generally assumed that there has been sufficient time for gathering of telling evidence against them. Sensational revelations are expected.

## FOREIGN STATES

Well-informed quarters indicate that several foreign states will be mentioned by name as being implicated in alleged treasonable plots against the Soviet.

It is hinted that the twenty-one accused are not the entire list, and that there will be another trial later.

The newspapers, commenting on the trial, point out that the new purge in the high army command—the fourth within a few months—has now reached practically all high military functionaries of the Tuchachevsky era.

Of five Marshals, two have been eliminated, of five army commanders of the first class, no fewer than four and the only existing commissar of the first class, have likewise been "liquidated," as well as both admirals of the fleet.

## PUBLIC TRIAL

In addition, of ten army commissars of the second class, eight have been eliminated, of two admirals, one has gone, and of fifteen army commanders of the second class, fourteen have been "Liquidated."

Numerous rumours persist of the sensational revelations which the trial is expected to bring forth.

It is fairly certain that the proceedings will be public, and that representatives of the foreign press will be admitted.—Trans-Ocean.

## VATICAN TREASURER

Rome, To-day.

His Holiness Pope Pius XI has appointed Cardinal Tedeschini Treasurer of the Vatican in succession to Cardinal Capotosti, whose death occurred recently.—Trans-Ocean.

## JAPANESE RAIDERS' "BIG FRIGHT"

Canton, To-day.

According to an official spokesman, the Japanese air fleet which invaded the province all day yesterday, was given a "big fright."

According to the official 49 Japanese planes participated in the various raids carried out yesterday. Three planes were shot down near Bocca Tigris and crashed into the sea, but two of the pilots managed to escape in parachutes, landing on the coast. They have not yet been apprehended.

Several persons were wounded when bombs were dropped by the Japanese planes at Tin Ho and Ying Tak, but according to the latest reports no one was killed.

The "All clear" signal was sounded at 5.30 p.m. yesterday.  
—Our Own Correspondent.

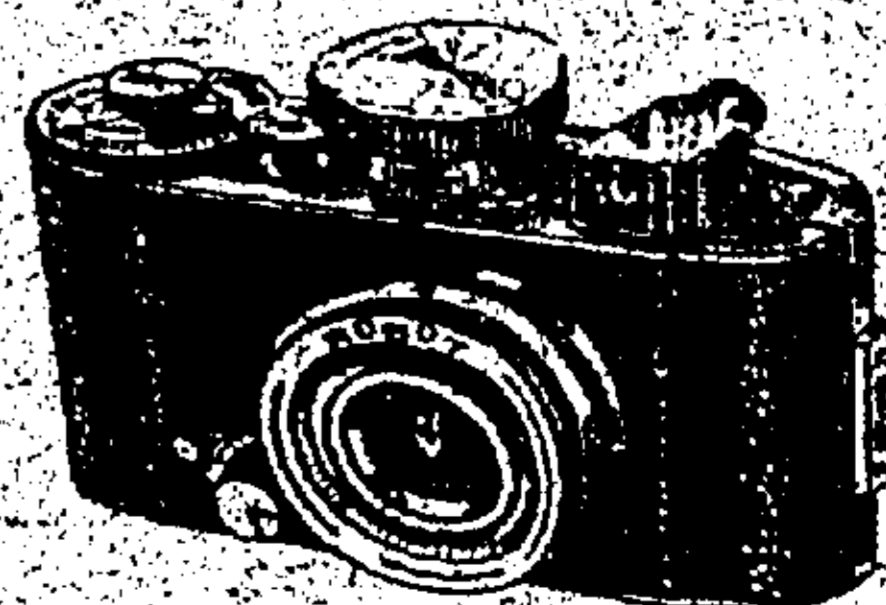
## Butenko Mystery

Rome, To-day.

Nothing is known here about the arrival of a Rumanian Mission for the purpose of establishing the identity of Mr. Theodore Butenko, the former Soviet Charge d'Affaires in Bucharest. This statement was issued here in reply to reports appearing in the foreign press.

It is fully realised here that the Rumanian Government has a special interest in establishing Butenko's identification.—Trans-Ocean.

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# French Police Eject Japanese From Consulate Compound

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.

A PLATOON OF FRENCH CONCESSION POLICE YESTERDAY FORCED A SMALL GROUP OF JAPANESE MILITARY POLICE WHO ENTERED THE COMPOUND OF THE FRENCH CONSULATE ON THE FRENCH BUND IN TRUCULENT MOOD TO LEAVE.

The Japanese demanded to see the French Consul-General and said if he did not receive them they would seal the American Trading Company godown, over which there has been some dispute for some days.

The Consul-General refused to see them and instead French police were called who ushered the Japanese out of the compound and escorted them to the boundary of the French Concession and the Settlement, about 100 yards away.

Meanwhile, the Japanese authorities have removed the seals from the Commercial Express and Storage Company's warehouse following a strongly worded protest by the U.S. Consul-General.—Reuter.

## SOVIETS HOWLING FOR BLOOD

Immediately after the publication of the act of accusation against the 21 high Soviet functionaries whose trial will commence on March 2 a tremendous feeling against the prisoners took effect and letters and telegrams from all parts of the Soviet Union continue to pour into Stalin's office in the Kremlin demanding exemplary punishment for the "culprits."

Characteristic in this respect is an appeal to the Russian nation by the female member of the Supreme Council of the Soviet Union, Marina Demtshenko, saying, "One shivers at hearing of the crimes planned by these monsters who schemed to drown the peoples of the Soviet in a sea of blood. I speak not only in my own name but in the name of my electors who have entrusted me with the task of fighting not only for the Soviet flag but also for the life of Stalin."—Trans-Ocean.

Tokyo, To-day.

Emperor Hirohito, who has been recuperating at Hayama since Feb. 19, is returning to Tokyo on March 5.—Reuter.



The Astor Trio, sensational acrobatic dancers, are appearing at the Oriental Theatre to-day and to-morrow as a special added stage attraction in conjunction with Universal's melodrama "West Bound Limited."

## U.S. KIDNAPPERS BUSY AGAIN

New Rochelle, N.Y., To-day.

The New York State Police Department have revealed that Peter Levine, the 12-year-old son of the wealthy lawyer, who disappeared on February 24 on his way home from school, has been kidnapped, and that a \$60,000 ransom is being demanded by the kidnappers.

The Police are reported to be holding off pending efforts by the boy's father to negotiate for his son's return.—Reuter.

London, To-day.

News of the agreement reached between the Governors and Ministries in the United Provinces and Bihar, and the withdrawal of the latter's resignations, was welcomed by the Under-Secretary for India in a statement at question time in the Commons.—British Wireless.

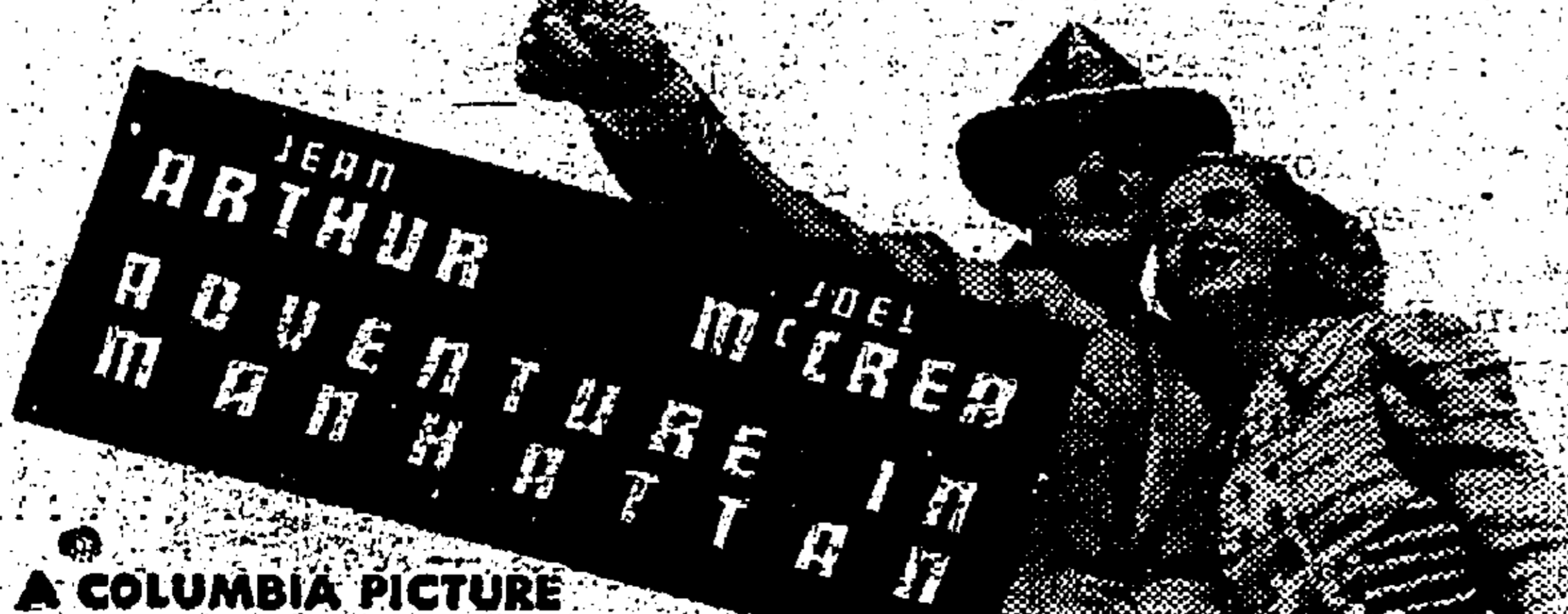
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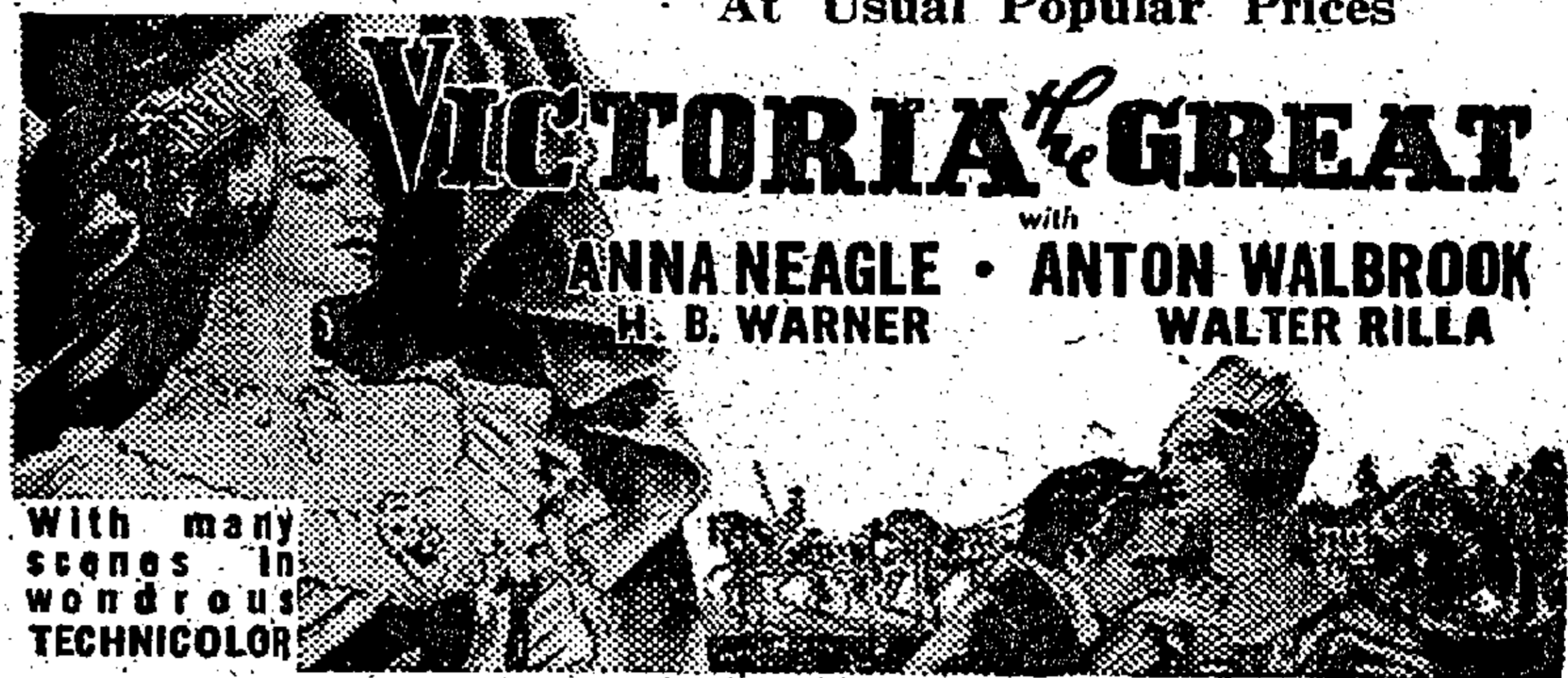
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## JAPANESE C.G. FOR LONDON LORD HALIFAX KISSES HANDS

Shanghai, To-day.

It is learned that the Japanese Consul-General in Shanghai, Mr. Okamoto, is being transferred to London as Counsellor, and is being succeeded by Mr. Hidaka, at present charge d'affaires and First Secretary of the Japanese Embassy.

It is also learned that Mr. Tanji, former Minister to Austria, is leaving Tokyo for Shanghai to-day to take charge of Japanese diplomatic affairs in Central China.—Reuter.

London, To-day.

At a Council held by the King at Buckingham Palace yesterday evening, Lord Halifax kissed hands on his appointment as Foreign Secretary and received the seal of office.

At the council there was also a ceremony in which Lord Halifax, the Lord Chancellor, received the new Great Seal of the State and the King, using the words "I am pleased to see you at the helm of affairs in Central China."—Reuter.

## CHARGED ON 14-YEAR-OLD WARRANT

Lam Fong, aged 38, a widow, was this morning charged before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy with the kidnapping of a male child, Tse Shun-cheung, aged 4, from 62, First Street on December 24, 1924.

The apprehension warrant was taken out in 1924 by Mr. P. Grant A.S.P. who is now in retirement, while he was Chief Detective Inspector, and the defendant was arrested yesterday in Cross Street in Wanchai.

It is alleged that the defendant was a frequent visitor to the mother's house and on the day in question enticed the child to go with her to buy a doll, and neither returned.

Detective Sergeant Allen is in charge of the case which was adjourned for 48 hours.

## THE UNSAFE DEPOSIT

Ivan Pavloff, aged 60, of Kustendil, South-west Bulgaria, mistrusted banks. So he decided to place his savings, amounting to some £60 in a hollow oak tree in his garden.

All day long and part of the night Ivan would watch the tree, to make sure that his savings were safe. In winter-time he would watch it from his bedroom window.

The years passed, and all went well. At last, unfortunately for Ivan, his neighbours grew suspicious of his continual vigil, and one day he found that his money had vanished.

He told the police his long-kept secret, and the thieves were soon discovered, but part of the money was already spent.

Now Ivan is racking his brains to discover a really safe deposit for his precious money.



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## GOVERNMENT CRISIS IN FRANCE PREDICTED: LABOUR CODE BATTLE

Paris, To-day.

The French Government and Parliament appear to be on the eve of a serious crisis, since fundamental differences have arisen between the Senate and the Chamber in connection with the new Labour Statute which has been drafted by the Government.

The situation is aggravated by the fact that no fewer than 7,000 collective labour agreements will expire in France next Monday at midnight, so that urgent social problems which are still unsolved will become even more acute than hitherto.

Conflict between the Government and the Chamber on the one hand and the Senate on the other, above all are due to the fact that the draft of the Labour Code—which has been rejected by the Senate—provides for the adjustment of wages to the cost of living after a five per cent. increase of the price index, while the Senate is willing to agree to an adjustment only after a 10 per cent. increase.

### RESIGNATION THREAT

The Senate, moreover, is unwilling to grant official arbitrators rights to inform themselves of the exact financial status of firms by a perusal of their accounts.

In defence of its attitude, the Senate argues that arbitrators are frequently members of political associations who cannot absolutely be trusted to keep to themselves confidential information gathered during their activities as arbitrators.

M. Chautemps' declaration on Sunday that "he was determined to resign within the next fortnight if the Labour Statute was rejected by the Senate," has been followed by a statement to the Chamber that Labour officials would submit the Labour Statute in its original form to the Senate for a second reading.

### SENATE WARNED

M. Chautemps, moreover, warned the Senate that he was not willing to defend the amendments made by the Senate before the Chamber.

It is generally expected that the Government will enter into definite opposition to the Senate, and political quarters are wondering whether a solution of the problem will be found.

Both sides agree that the solution must be found before midnight on Monday next if a serious crisis is to be avoided.—Trans-Ocean.

### INCLINATION TO RETIRE

Paris, To-day.

Well-informed parliamentary circles here claim knowledge to the effect that the Premier, M. Camille Chautemps, is showing an inclination to retire from office and is making no secret of the fact that he needs a long rest.

In various quarters the Premier is credited with the intention, despite the recent big vote of confidence in him, following the foreign affairs debate, of accepting the downfall of his Cabinet, which may result from some domestic issue, without great resistance.

An indication of such intention can be discerned in M. Chautemps' attitude in the Senate last Sunday

where he threatened to resign in case of major changes in the Social Bill which was under discussion.

### THIS MONTH?

It is therefore believed in many quarters that the month of March will not pass without a Government crisis.

In that case, the formation of a Government to be extended to the Rightists is believed possible, and the two days foreign affairs debate in the Chamber is taken as confirmation of that belief.

The inclusion of Communists in the new Cabinet is not expected, while even the support of the Socialists for the new government is not yet held assured, but their benevolent neutrality is anticipated.

Parliamentary circles believe that the new Cabinet will be headed by a Radical-Socialist politician.—Trans-Ocean.

## COMMISSION FOR PALESTINE

London, To-day.

The personnel of the Palestine Partition Commission will be Sir John Woodhead, Sir Alison Russell and Mr. A. P. Waterfield. A fourth member may be appointed.

The Commission will start work in England about the middle of March and will probably go on to Palestine about a month later, arriving as soon as possible after the Easter ceremonies in Jerusalem have been concluded.—Reuter.

### STARTING IN MARCH

London, To-day.

Three members of the Palestine Partition Commission have been appointed, and the appointment of a fourth member is still under consideration.

Sir John Woodhead, who has had a distinguished career in the Indian Civil Service, will be Chairman. He was in 1931 made a temporary member of the Council of the Governor-General, and from 1932 to 1937 was Finance Member of the Government of Bengal. He acted as Governor in Sir John Anderson's absence from Bengal in the latter half of 1934.

Sir Alison Russell, who after a legal career in the Colonies, retired in 1929 from the Chief Justiceship of Tanganyika, and was Chairman of the Committee of Enquiry into the disturbances in the copper belt of northern Rhodesia in 1936, and Mr. A. P. Waterfield Principal Assistant Secretary in the Treasury, are the other members.

The Commission will start work

## STORY BEHIND THE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

London, To-day.

Further details regarding the contents and history of the note addressed by Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the British Premier, to M. Camille Chautemps, the French Premier, were revealed to a representative of Trans-Ocean by a usually well-informed quarter here yesterday.

On February 18, it is declared, the French Ambassador in London, M. Charles Corbin, handed to Mr. Chamberlain a letter which proposed that a joint demarche should be made in Berlin by Britain and France in the Austrian question. Mr. Chamberlain referred to his letter of February 25.

In his answer, the British Premier apologised for having been compelled to delay his reply to the French proposals during the Eden crisis.

He pointed out in his reply that an Anglo-French demarche in Berlin was no longer necessary.

After Chancellor Hitler's speech in the Reichstag, Mr. Neville Chamberlain seized the opportunity to assure the French Government once more that the British Government was determined to adhere under all circumstances to their traditional friendship with France.

Referring to the forthcoming Anglo-Italian parleys, Mr. Chamberlain emphasised that the French Government will not only be kept constantly informed by the British Government regarding the progress of these negotiations but also consulted, if the necessity arises.—Trans-Ocean.

## ITALY SPEAKS ON BALKAN COUNCIL

Rome, To-day.

The action of the Council of the Balkan entente in recognising Italian conquest of Abyssinia, has been received with a great deal of satisfaction in Italy.

"The Giornale D'Italia" says that in taking this decision the Governments of four Balkan countries have evinced a healthy sense of realism and have shown insight born of understanding.

The Italian semi-official organ then goes on to refer to the privileges accorded to certain naval powers with regard to the use of Balkan ports as bases for their fleets, and expresses the hope that these privileges, "which constitute a threat to the status quo in the Mediterranean," will be abolished in the interest of further clarification of the Balkan policy of independence.

Adherence of Italy to the Montreux Agreement, which is described as desirable by the Council of the Balkan Entente, is a problem which will be taken by Italy and earmarked with all the necessary circumspection.—Trans-Ocean.

in England about the middle of March and will probably leave for Palestine about a month later.—British-Wireless.

# LOOTING OF BRITISH GOODS

## Detailed Figures Of Losses Not Yet Available

### Another Incident In Hongkew

London, To-day.

Asked by Mr. Will Thorne, Labour member for Plaistow, for information as to the extent of the looting of British goods in Shanghai and the value of goods removed from British warehouses, the Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, said that 102 claims in respect of looting and damage to property had been notified to December 31. None of these claims had been prepared and transmitted by the British Consul-General.

It will be appreciated that most claimants have not yet been able to formulate their claims and have only communicated preliminary statements to the Consul-General, where assistance was being given in drawing them up.

In view of the difficulty in ascertaining the value of property, detailed figures of a large proportion of the losses are not yet available at the British Consul-General.—Reuter.

#### HONGKEW INCIDENT SETTLED

Shanghai, To-day.

A British protest against the plundering of a British-owned godown in Hongkew by Japanese soldiers has been successful, the Japanese authorities admitting yesterday that their troops had invaded and plundered the godown without right.

The Japanese authorities declare in explanation that the soldiers assumed the godown was Chinese, and they were thus entitled to confiscate the property which consisted mostly of steel cylinders.

The Japanese authorities have apologised and promised that the property will either be returned or paid for.—Trans-Ocean.

#### JAPANESE APOLOGY

Shanghai, To-day.

The American protest against the confiscation of American property in a warehouse in the International Settlement, has had the desired effect, the Japanese authorities having expressed their apologies yesterday morning and rescinded the order for confiscation.

It was explained in an official Japanese statement that the Japanese authorities had been informed that large supplies of Chinese goods were stored in the warehouse and that upon the basis of this false information, the order for confiscation was given.—Trans-Ocean.

### INSURGENTS AND BOMBING

London, To-day.

The Prime Minister stated in the House of Commons yesterday that the Spanish Government had accepted in principle the British Government proposal for cessation of bombing of civilians and unfortified towns, but insurgent headquarters at Salamanca state that they must reserve the right and freedom of action to strike at military objectives whenever necessary.—Reuter.

### HITLER VISIT TO MUSSOLINI

Berlin, To-day.

It is understood that Herr Hitler will visit Signor Mussolini in the first half of May, and will spend a few days in Rome, Florence and Naples.

A naval review, an army parade and aerial demonstrations have been planned in his honour. It is reported that the two dictators will discuss the general European situation.—Reuter.

### GENERAL PAI'S OPTIMISM

Hankow, To-day.

"Our casualties have been only half a million, which is comparatively insignificant. Not until our sacrifices reach 50,000,000 or 100,000,000 have we reason to despair," said General Pai Chung-si, chief of staff, in an address in Hankow yesterday.

General Pai declared the Sino-Japanese conflict showed it took three Chinese to kill one Japanese.

"At this rate we will need 100,000,000 to wipe out the entire male population of Japan."

General Pai admitted that China was weak, contending that "if we balance all factors, including preparations for a long war of defence while fighting, final victory will be ours."—Reuter.

### SHUN PAO OPENS IN HONG KONG

The influential Shun Pao, of Shanghai, which ceased publication on December 15, 1937, owing to unfavourable conditions in Shanghai, including enforced censorship by the Japanese, commenced publication in Hong Kong this morning.

The journal, which has been cut down to four pages, has been published for 66 years and is freely quoted by all foreign correspondents in China.

### GERMAN ADVISERS TO STAY

Hankow, To-day.

In spite of Germany's recognition of Manchukuo, German advisers with the Chinese army are continuing to serve, according to Chinese reports.

The reports add that the advisers are pledged to remain true friends of China and not to leave the country.—Reuter.

### FINLAND AND THE OLYMPICS

Stockholm, To-day.

Finland has made all preparations to hold the 1940 Olympic Games, in case Japan should renounce the privilege owing to the Sino-Japanese war, declared a member of the Finnish Olympic Committee, Eric van Frenckell, in an interview with a representative of the Swedish paper "Nyadagligt Allehanda."

Frenckell further declared that in future a safety clause should be included in the Olympic statute, automatically depriving a country at war of the privilege of organising the Olympic Games.

Such a country should even not be allowed to participate in the Games in another country. Frenckell further declared that the Olympic idea had been impaired by the fact that Japan, after being entrusted with organising the Games, had involved herself in a war.—Trans-Ocean.

### FOREIGNERS THREATENED IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, To-day.

A Briton, Mr. H. M. Cumine, and an American, Mr. Hal P. Mills, owners of Chinese language newspapers, have received further threatening letters.

A letter to Mills asks for a "loan" of \$30,000, "otherwise we shall have to borrow your head."

Cumine received three letters one of which contained three rows of seven circles, and another asking him to expect a 200-lb. bomb.

A third letter, which also contained a threat against his life, had the Japanese flag drawn on it and also the word "Banzai."—Reuter.

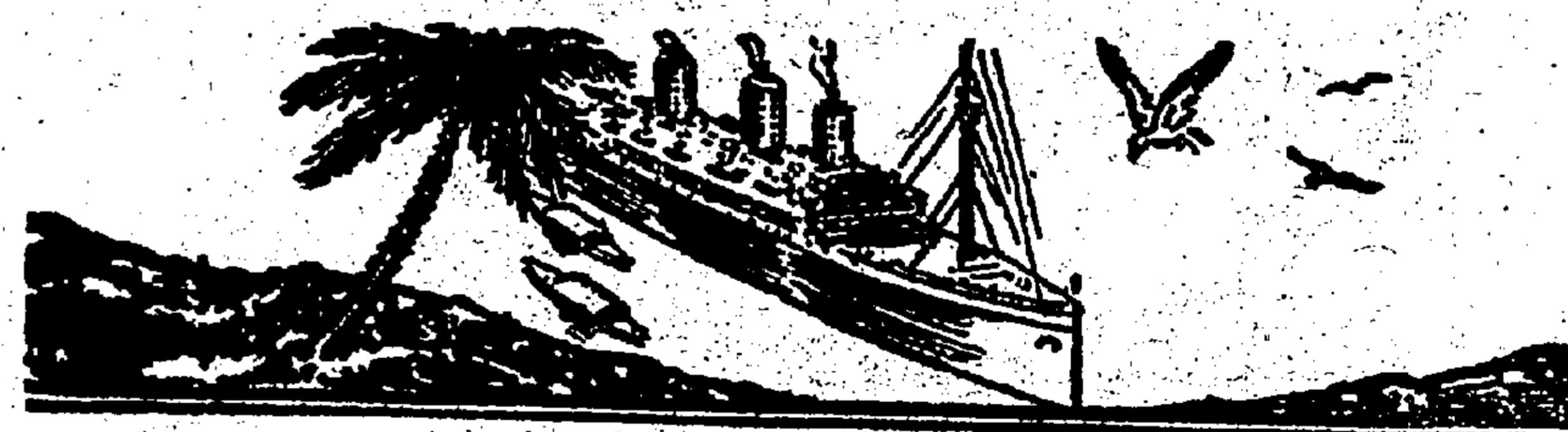
### MR. R.G. HOWE SAILS FOR ENGLAND

Shanghai, To-day.

Mr. R. G. Howe, who was sent to China to act as charge d'affaires after Sir Hughe Knatchbull-Hugessen was wounded by Japanese planes on Aug. 26 last year, sailed yesterday morning for England on the P. and O. Comorin.

Mr. Howe remained charge d'affaires until the arrival of Sir Archibald Clark-Kerr, the new Ambassador, on Feb. 24.

On the eve of his departure Mr. Howe received a letter from the British Chamber of Commerce offering him warm thanks on behalf of the British community for his work.—Reuter.



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## NO BRITISH ACTION CALLED FOR

London, To-day. The Prime Minister, answering a Commons question, said it was at present impossible for His Majesty's Government to estimate the real effect of the Austro-German Agreement of February 12 but they were continuing to follow developments with close attention.

They had noted with great interest the speech delivered by Herr von Schuschnigg last Thursday.

Mr. Chamberlain added that measures so far taken by the Austrian Government in consequence of the discussions at Berchtesgaden did not appear, in the opinion of His Majesty's Government, to constitute a breach of the obligations which Austria undertook in the Treaty of Saint-Germain and the Geneva Protocol of 1922, and it did not appear therefore that any action on the part of His Majesty's Government was called for on that account in the existing circumstances.—British Wireless.

## BALKAN ENTENTE MEETING

Ankara, To-day. The Council of the Balkan entente—including Turkey, Greece, Rumania and Yugoslavia—met at

the Turkish capital last Friday and continued their discussions till Sunday.

As a result of the conference the Turkish Foreign Minister, Dr. Rushtu Aras, declared to press re-

presentatives that the Balkan Entente wished to remain in close touch with all peace-loving nations.

Circles close to the conference express the hope that Bulgaria will join the Balkan Entente in the near future.—Trans-Ocean.

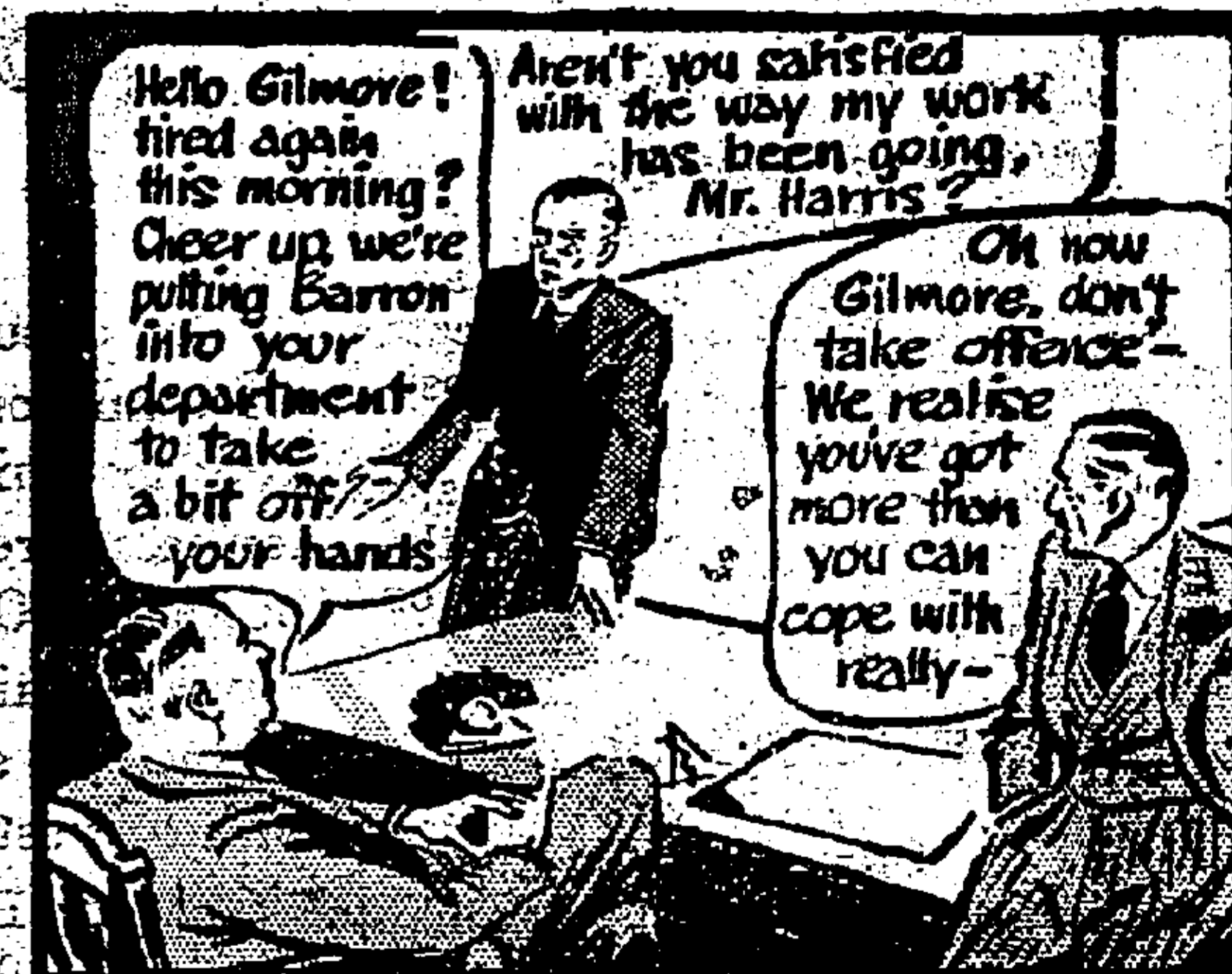
## NAVAL MANOEUVRES

London, To-day. Lord Chatfield, First Sea Lord, leaves England on March 9 to attend the annual spring exercises of the combined Fleets at Gibraltar. He will return on March 24.—British Wireless.



More than 4,000 candlesticks, relics of other days, have been found in the possession of married soldiers and in the officers' messes at Aldershot. The discovery was made when an order was issued calling for the return of barracks stores of all candlesticks. Many of them are more than 50 years old. Orderlies are seen counting some of the 4,000 old candlesticks, at the barracks stores, at Aldershot. (Copyright).

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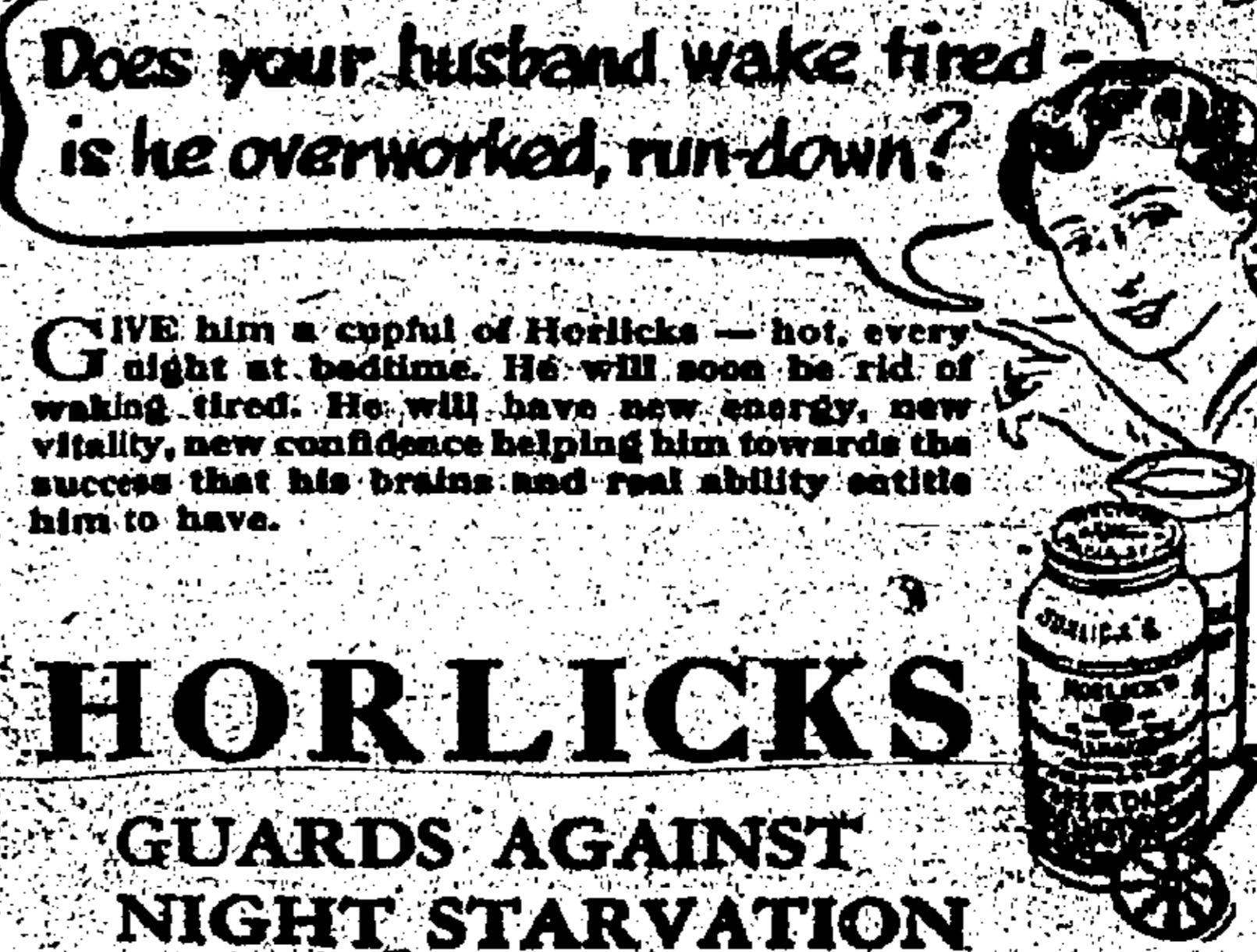
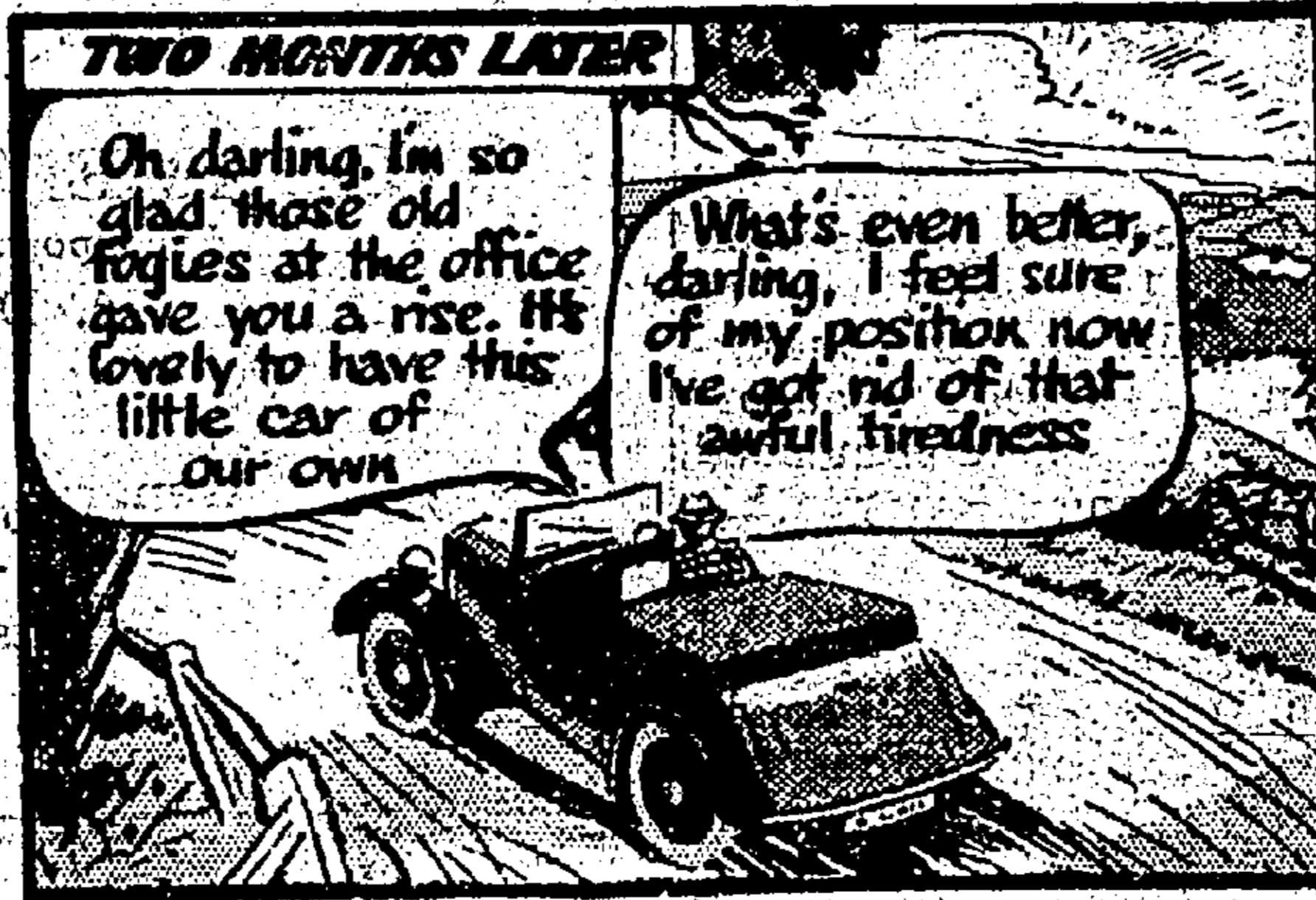
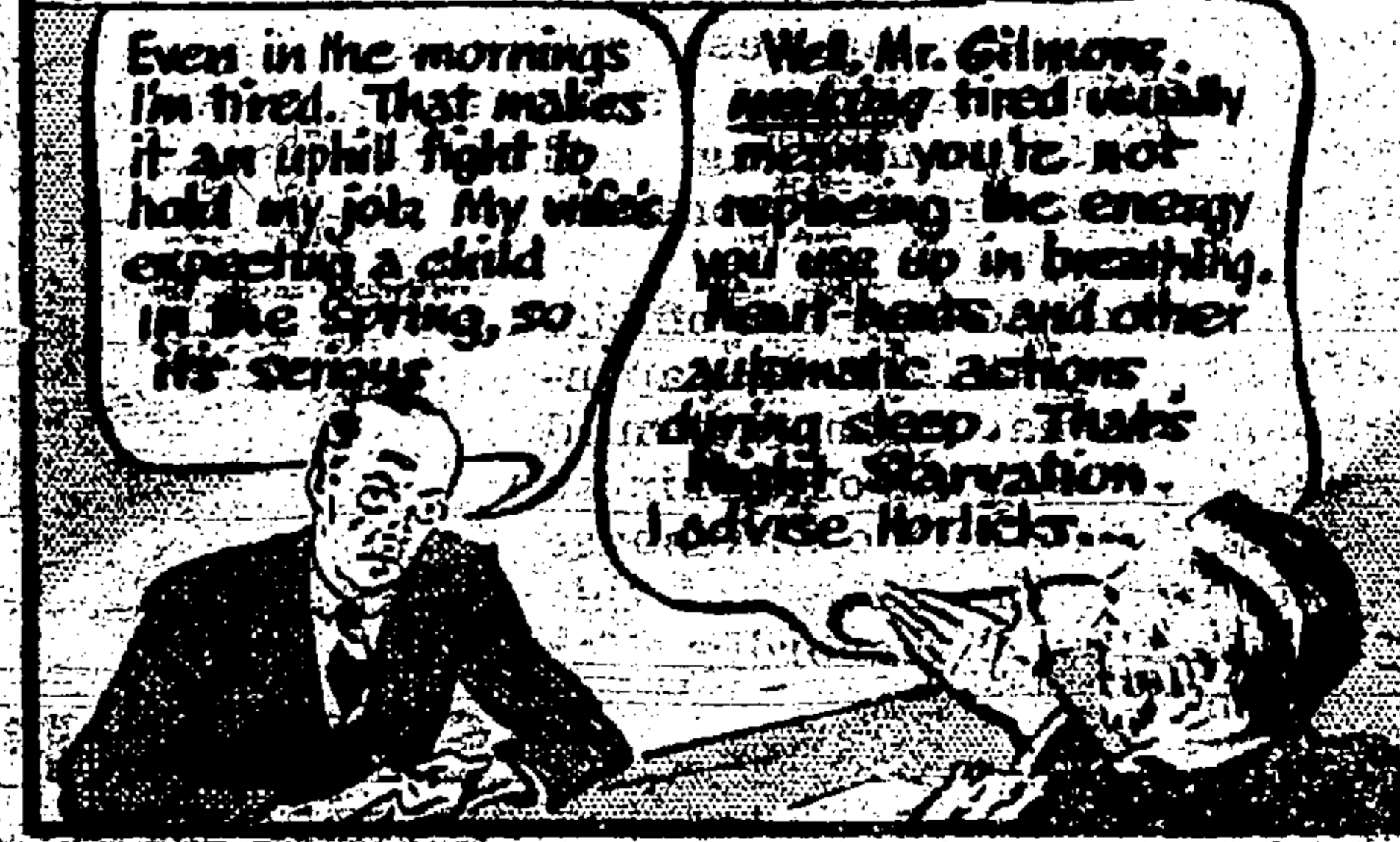


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# MR. ATTLEE ATTACKS HALIFAX APPOINTMENT IN COMMONS

Winston Churchill Supports Prime Minister

## Suez Canal Report "Fantastic"

London, To-day.

The Prime Minister answered questions on foreign affairs in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon.

The first one, addressed by Mr. Wedgwood Benn, asked whether the Italian Government had asked for a share of defence of the Suez Canal at any time.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain said the Foreign Office archives had been not searched prior to 1922 but since then the Government was unaware of any such request.

Mr. Chamberlain referred to the Italian description of the report as fantastic.

On Mr. Benn asking if it was a matter which the Government was discussing, Mr. Chamberlain replied "There is no such matter so it cannot be discussed."

The appointment of Lord Halifax was raised by Mr. Clement Attlee, Labour opposition leader, who asked the Prime Minister to state the reasons for breaking an established parliamentary practice of having the Foreign Secretary in the House of Commons.

### LORD HALIFAX'S QUALIFICATIONS

Mr. Chamberlain replied that although he had not accepted that there was any such established practice (ministerial cheers) he agreed that other things being equal there were advantages in the Foreign Secretary being a member of the Commons.

In present circumstances the disadvantages of a different arrangement were, he thought, outweighed by Lord Halifax's outstanding qualifications.

Mr. Chamberlain offered an opportunity for a debate at 9 p.m. if other business was finished.

In regard to further arrangements, the Prime Minister said he proposed to deal with all important aspects of foreign affairs which were the subject of debate or questions. He would answer all major questions and Mr. R. A. Butler (the new Under-Foreign Secretary) the others.—Reuter.

### LABOUR ATTACK

London, To-day.

In the House of Commons yesterday the Government motion for an adjournment was carried by 226 votes to 99, after a debate in which Major Attlee, leader of the Labour opposition, claimed that the appointment of the Foreign Secretary, outside the House of Commons, was a departure from constitutional practice, and urged a closer control of foreign policy by the House of Commons, in view of the very great tension in foreign affairs, the deep divisions in the country on foreign policy, and the fact that the whole principle of democracy was being assailed in the world to-day.

He said that the proposals of the Premier to answer questions of

major foreign policy entailed the great danger of duality in control of foreign affairs.

### LIBERAL SUPPORT

Sir Archibald Sinclair (Liberal), declared that there was no constitutional law against the Foreign Secretary being in the House of Lords, and he was of the opinion that Lord Halifax was the best man available.

Mr. Winston Churchill was of the same opinion as Sir Archibald Sinclair.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain in his reply, emphasised that he chose Lord Halifax because he regarded him as best qualified to fill the position.

Referring to his undertaking to answer questions, he said he assumed that the members of the Opposition would not try to abuse their rights, and would try to confine themselves to questions which they thought ought to be answered.—Reuter.

### LEAGUE OF NATIONS

London, To-day.

The Prime Minister was asked in the Commons if it was the intention of the Government to work by all possible means for establishment of the League of Nations as it was originally visualised.

Mr. Chamberlain said, as he had informed the House last Wednesday, it was the hope of the government to see the League reconstituted in such a form and on such a basis of membership as might enable it to rely upon being able to use its powers for the functions for which it was originally intended.

The Government would do all in their powers to bring about such a state of affairs.—British Wireless.

### Japan And Olympics

Tokyo, To-day.

Great prominence was given in the Japanese press yesterday to the fact that the controlling body of the Olympic organising committee had accepted the proposal of the Japanese Ski Association to hold an international ski contest in 1940 at Hokkaido.

This is regarded as an additional proof of Japan's determination to have the Olympic Games of 1940 held in Japan.—Trans-Ocean.

## CHINESE & JAPANESE SHAKE HANDS

London, To-day.

Representatives of the Legations of China and Japan were present at the international lunch arranged by the Hendon Rotary Club yesterday at which 14 countries were represented.

Mr. W. C. Cheng, the Chinese Charge D'Affaires and Mr. Hasegawa, First Secretary of the Japanese Legation, shook hands when they met at the table.—Reuter.

## FORTHCOMING MARRIAGES

The forthcoming wedding of Mr. August Foempe, engineer, of No. 16, Chatham Road, Kowloon, and Miss Luise Burhart, of the same address, has been announced.

Mr. Horacio Gil Ching Jaubert, of No. 103, Portland Street, Kowloon, and Miss Fung Doo Keng; and Mr. Sidney Malcolm Gomes, musician, and Miss Lo Lai Yin, of No. 96, Fa Yuen Street, have also announced that their forthcoming weddings will take place shortly in the Colony.

## GERMAN ARMY COMMANDERS RETIRE

Berlin, To-day.

It is officially announced that the German Army commanders who resigned their posts in accordance with the changes that were made on February 4 in the command of the German Army, would give up their duties and retire from active service as from yesterday.

The occasion was marked by farewell ceremonies at the various garrison towns.

In addresses to the troops emphasis was laid on the intimate relations existing between the German Army and Herr Hitler as well as the National Socialist State.—Trans-Ocean.

London, To-day.

The anticipated Report of the Cadman Committee on Civil Aviation, together with a statement of the Government's intentions, will be published early next week.—British Wireless.

## Trial Of German Pastor

Berlin, To-day.

The trial of Pastor Niemöller is being resumed to-morrow and will end the same day.

The public prosecutor is expected to ask for sentence of imprisonment of eighteen months to two years, together with a ban on his preaching.—Reuter.

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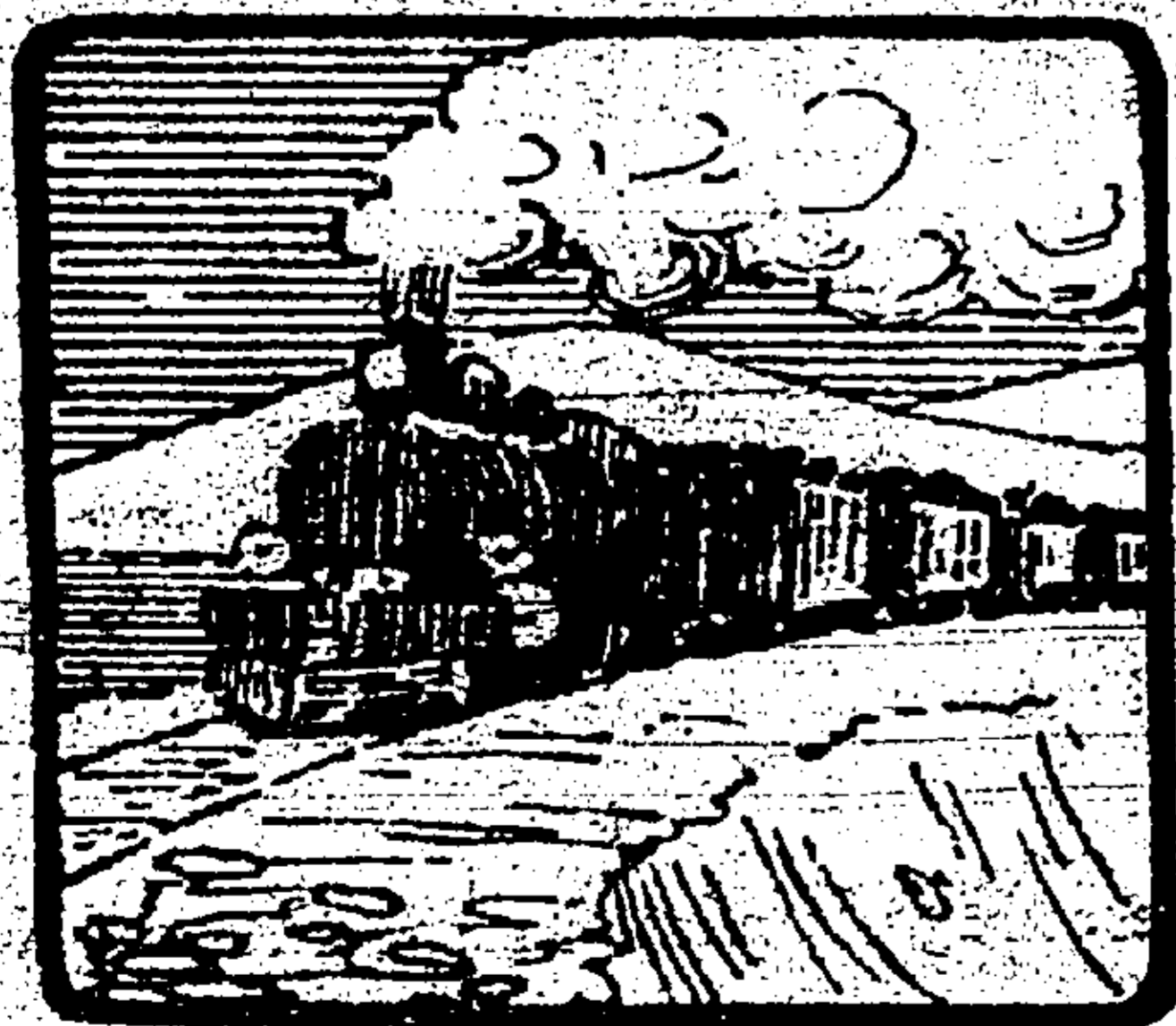
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**THE NEW SOVIET  
PURGE TRIAL**

The enigma of what is happening internally in Soviet Russia, as purge follows purge, presents added complications instead of simplifying as the "terror" works itself out. In the new list of accused, destined for liquidation, appears the name of Yagoda, former head of the O.G.P.U., who was responsible for the presentation of the "crimes" of Radek, Zinoviev, Kamenex, and Piatakov, and is now accused of precisely the same offences, spying, acting as agent for a foreign power, sabotage, generally plotting against the State and so on. Some of the leading Soviet scientists, their greatest experts in the realm of medicine, Bukharin, diplomat and journalist, former President of the Comintern—the reddist of Red institutions—and other high officials, men in the very highest positions, without the slightest connection with any known opposition, are among the list of the disgraced, branded as enemies of the people. It is known, moreover, that these are but a few selected for a great demonstration trial, that the number of officials actually shot runs into thousands and the number arrested into tens of thousands.

A special contributor to the "Manchester Guardian" attempts to analyse the situation in Russia in the latest issue. He points out in a final summary that the People's Commissars and members of the Executive Committee of the various republics, and the leading Soviet and party officials in every part of the vast realm, have been arrested in masses and denounced as Fascist agents. The bulk of the party and Soviet administrations throughout the country have been "renovated," often by "surgical" operation. Everywhere new men, mostly younger ones, have been installed in office; the way has been cleared, in Stalin's phrase, for "those who thirst for advancement." There was nothing ironical or deprecatory in Stalin's use of this phrase; it was meant seriously and approvingly. Hence the conclusion finally reached, that the process the world has been wit-

nessing in Russia is not merely a substitution of new men for old; which would not have necessitated such drastic, devastating measures but a profound and fundamental social regrouping. Anyone who finds this incredible, and still accepts the official story of spies and Fascist agents in control of the whole country, may as well give up the attempt to understand what is going on in the Soviet Union.

What those who accept this view of the situation find it difficult to understand is where Stalin expects to find final stability in such an atmosphere of ruthless disregard of common humanity, of ability, and of past services in the cause of the Soviet.

**Darwinism and Genesis**

The decision of the Commission on Christian Doctrine that no objection to the theory of evolution can be drawn from Genesis marks a wide divergence from the attitude of most eminene Churchmen in the days when Bishop Wilberforce fiercely attacked Huxley at the British Association and Dean Burgon wound up a sermon against Darwinism with the single concession. "If they leave me my ancestors in Paradise, I am content to leave them theirs in the zoological gardens." It is only fair to recall, however, that the controversy aroused bitterness even outside the ranks of the orthodox. Years after his famous B.A. address on man's place in evolution, Huxley saw Carlyle in Cheyne Walk, "going slowly and alone down the opposite side of the street". Touched with compassion, he crossed and spoke to the old man, then very near his end. Carlyle looked at him, remarked, "You're Huxley, aren't you?—the man who says we are all descended from monkeys," and passed on without another word.

**Younger Generals**

We are told that there is much satisfaction among Army men because an officer has been appointed to the command of a division at the age of forty-six, an appointment which brings down the age average. Yet it is not without interest to recall that that was the age at which Wellington closed his military career in the field with the victory of Waterloo. Napoleon, born also in 1769, was at his best probably ten years before Waterloo. In Ireland, when he was just forty, Marlborough revealed the genius which was to astonish Europe, and his powers were fully developed long before Blenheim. Marshal Saxe was made a marshal of France at forty-eight, having earned undying fame in the campaigns of many previous years. Frederick the Great was a seasoned commander when he won his great victory at Hohenfriedberg at thirty-three. Luxemburg was forty-four in his memorable campaign in the Netherlands. Turenne was a marshal of France at thirty-three. So the list might be continued both backwards and forwards.

It may be said, no doubt, that men mature quickly in war, but surely the function of an army in peace is to prepare for war should war be forced upon it, so that there may be all the more reason for having young generals in peace-time. If so, there is room for still further reduction in the average.

# CHINESE FRONT AT LINGSHIH BROKEN

## Natural Line Of Retreat Said Cut Off

### Japanese Checked By Guerillas In Pengpu Area

Peiping, To-day.

Pounded by planes and artillery, the Chinese front at Lingshih has broken with a vengeance and the Japanese yesterday were pouring through the pass, occupying Hwochow yesterday evening.

Meanwhile, a Japanese column from Luanfu yesterday occupied Pingyang, 45 miles south of Hwochow, thus cutting off the natural line of retreat.

As a result, large masses of disorganised Chinese troops have turned and are now heading westward towards the Yellow River in Shansi Province.

It appears that no serious Chinese resistance is likely now until the Japanese reach the Yellow River in the south-west corner of Shansi.—Reuter.

#### CHECKED NEAR PENGPU

Shanghai, To-day.

Further headway has been made by the Japanese columns in their attempt to encircle 250,000 Chinese troops, reported by the Japanese to be in occupation of South Shansi.

Besides advances southward, Japanese despatches claim that a column of Japanese troops has reached a point on the Yellow River west of Taiyuan.

Despite official Japanese claims that Chinese resistance in the southern section of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway has collapsed, the Japanese do not appear to be making headway north of Pengpu, and their present operations in this area are confined to beating off Chinese guerillas.

According to Chinese reports the Japanese are sending heavy reinforcements to Pengpu in an attempt to break the deadlock.—Reuter.

#### FLANK ATTACK

Hankow, To-day.

The latest Chinese military report from Shansi does not confirm the fall of Linfan, the temporary seat of provincial government of Shansi, but admits that heavy fighting is in progress in the vicinity of the city. Chinese troops are checking the Japanese advance toward Linfan in two directions. Hucheng, a town to the east of Linfan, has been captured by the Japanese, who advanced on the town from Changchi.

It is obvious that the Japanese forces in Shansi are carrying out a large-scale flanking movement against the Chinese positions along the Lunghai Railway instead of a frontal attack on Hsuehchow, which would prove too costly.—Hua Nan.

#### CHINESE NOT DOWNHEARTED

Hankow, To-day.

The Japanese have scored further successes in the south of Shansi Province, according to a Chinese communique from the front yesterday morning, which reports that Linfeng, the new capital of Shansi, has been surrounded by Japanese troops and that heavy fighting is in progress at the rear of the city.

The Japanese claimed in a report that their troops captured Linfeng from Taiyuan yesterday morning, after launching concentrated attacks from the north-east, north and north-west but no confirmation to this effect has been received from Chinese sources.

Highly placed Chinese military circles here consider that the situation in Shansi is by no means hopeless. It is pointed out that not only the Army operating in the north of Shansi but also the Chinese troops in the west and east of South Shansi are continuing their resistance that the Japanese although advancing with undiminished zeal and ing along the railway lines and main routes, are certainly not in control of the hinterland.

The Japanese advance along the Taoching railway line north of the Shansi-Honan Frontier seems, according to reports from Chinese troops who are quite familiar with the mountain district crossing the Taoching Railway, has been checked.

#### GUERRILLA ACTIVITY

No further developments appear to have taken place on the Yellow River where concentrations of troops on both banks is proceeding and the Japanese on the north bank are apparently fortifying their positions before attempting the crossing.

This strengthening of their positions is deemed particularly necessary by the Japanese, whose troops are suffering more and more from the increased activity of Chinese guerillas.

A report from the north of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway states that the town of Chiansiang, west of Tsinan, has been captured by the Japanese after three days of sanguinary fighting while on the other hand the Chinese have recaptured several points near Tsinanfu.

Fighting has recommenced in the south of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway in the same sector which was the centre of hostilities some weeks ago. Several thousand Japanese troops are reported to have crossed the Hwai River again yesterday near Linghwo, Kwan, Pengpu and Hwai Yuen in order to advance northward along the railway line to Hsuehchow.—Trans-Ocean.

### SZECHUEN CRISIS SETTLED

Shanghai, To-day.

The serious domestic crisis arising from refusal of the Szechuen militarists to accept General Chang Chun as Governor of the province, has been finally resolved, according to Chinese reports.

The Central Government has evidently made concessions. Chinese despatches predict the appointment of Hsu Shiyung, former Ambassador to Tokyo, as Governor of the Province.—Reuter.

### JAPAN MAY ESTABLISH NEW MINISTRY

Tokyo, To-day.

The opinion is gaining strength that the Japanese Government is in favour of establishment of a new Ministry to be called the Asiatic Affairs Department, according to the newspaper "Yomiuri."

Proponents of the measure say it could be created by a merger of the existing Manchuria Affairs Board, the Asiatic Bureau, the Chinese section of the Foreign Office and the Overseas Ministry. The latter has jurisdiction over the Japanese administrations in Korea, Formosa, Sakalin and the mandated territories in the South Seas.

It is claimed that amalgamation of these organs would adjust Japanese Asiatic policy in order to meet new developments in China, including growth of the "provisional government" of North China.—Reuter.

### MANCHUKUO-SOVIET BORDER TENSION

Moscow, To-day.

Alleged Japanese reports that Soviet detachments and two aeroplanes crossed the Manchurian frontier on February 26 and 27, are denied in official quarters.

It is alleged here that on these dates three Japanese flights over Soviet territory occurred, one penetrating five miles across the frontier.

### IMPERIAL AIRWAYS PLANE FIRED ON BY JAPANESE

Considerable mystery surrounds a report that the Imperial Airways plane Delphinus, which arrived in Hong Kong on February 21 from Penang, was fired on by Japanese warships.

Although definite allegations were made by a passenger, or passengers, on the plane that the craft had been attacked, no confirmation can be obtained in Hong Kong.

News of the alleged attack was contained in a Reuter message from Shanghai, quoting passengers on the plane as stating that they were fired on south of Hong Kong.

The plane, it was stated, had been attacked en route from Penang to Hong Kong while flying in the vicinity of a group of Japanese warships, believed to be destroyers, outside British waters.

"An unknown number of warships opened fire," the passengers stated, "and machine-gun bullets whizzed and anti-aircraft shells exploded round the machine, which, however, escaped untouched."

The passengers stated the air liner was following the same route taken in the past two years.

Imperial Airways Hong Kong office told the "China Mail" this morning that a number of discrepancies existed in the report.

There was only one passenger in the plane, a Dr. A. Griot, of Calcutta, who travelled on to Shanghai.

The report of the captain of the Delphinus says that although he sighted a number of warships, he saw nothing of any attack on the plane. At the time of the reported incident, he was flying at a height of 12,000 feet.

It is added that the Japanese machines retreated hurriedly after Soviet fighting craft took off to investigate.—Reuter.

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# Story Of Treachery In Russian Disappearance

Paris, To-day.

New sensational revelations concerning the kidnapping of the former Tsarist, General Miller, last September are published in *Le Matin* which declares that it has now been established beyond the possibility of a doubt that the kidnapper was none other than General Miller's trusted collaborator, General Skoblin, who has disappeared ever since.

According to the paper, General Skoblin, who was an agent of the O.G.P.U., had succeeded in obtaining control of two of the most important White Russian secret organisations known as "Inner Line" and "Outer Line."

The last named organisation had the task of collecting information concerning the international situation in the Soviet Union and sending its members to Russia for this purpose. General Skoblin was thus in a position to keep the O.G.P.U. informed of all decisions taken by the two organisations in question.

Comrades to whom General Skoblin had confided his mission in the Soviet Union were duly denounced by him and arrested by the Soviet police. General Skoblin's activities had, however, in the course of time, aroused the suspicions of General Miller and other leading White Russian personalities in Paris.

General Miller had definitely prohibited the despatch of any further White Russian agents to the Soviet Union whereupon General Skoblin, acting on instructions of the O.G.P.U. resolved to lure General Miller into a trap and kidnap him.

### EMBASSY'S PART

In this connection the paper discusses the part played in the crime by the Soviet Embassy and by the Soviet cargo steamer *Maria Ulianova*. The paper recalls that at 5 p.m. on the afternoon of the day on which General Miller was kidnapped, namely September 20, a motor lorry belonging to the Soviet Embassy arrived at Le Havre with two heavy boxes which were transferred to the steamer.

The vessel then immediately left port contrary to its original inten-

tion of remaining there till the following day.

*Le Matin* affirms that in the light of the evidence there is no doubt that the steamer conveyed General Miller to Leningrad, the only question still unsolved being whether General Miller was still alive when placed on board the steamer.—*Trans-Ocean*.

## BRITISH NOTE TOO FIRM FOR FRANCO

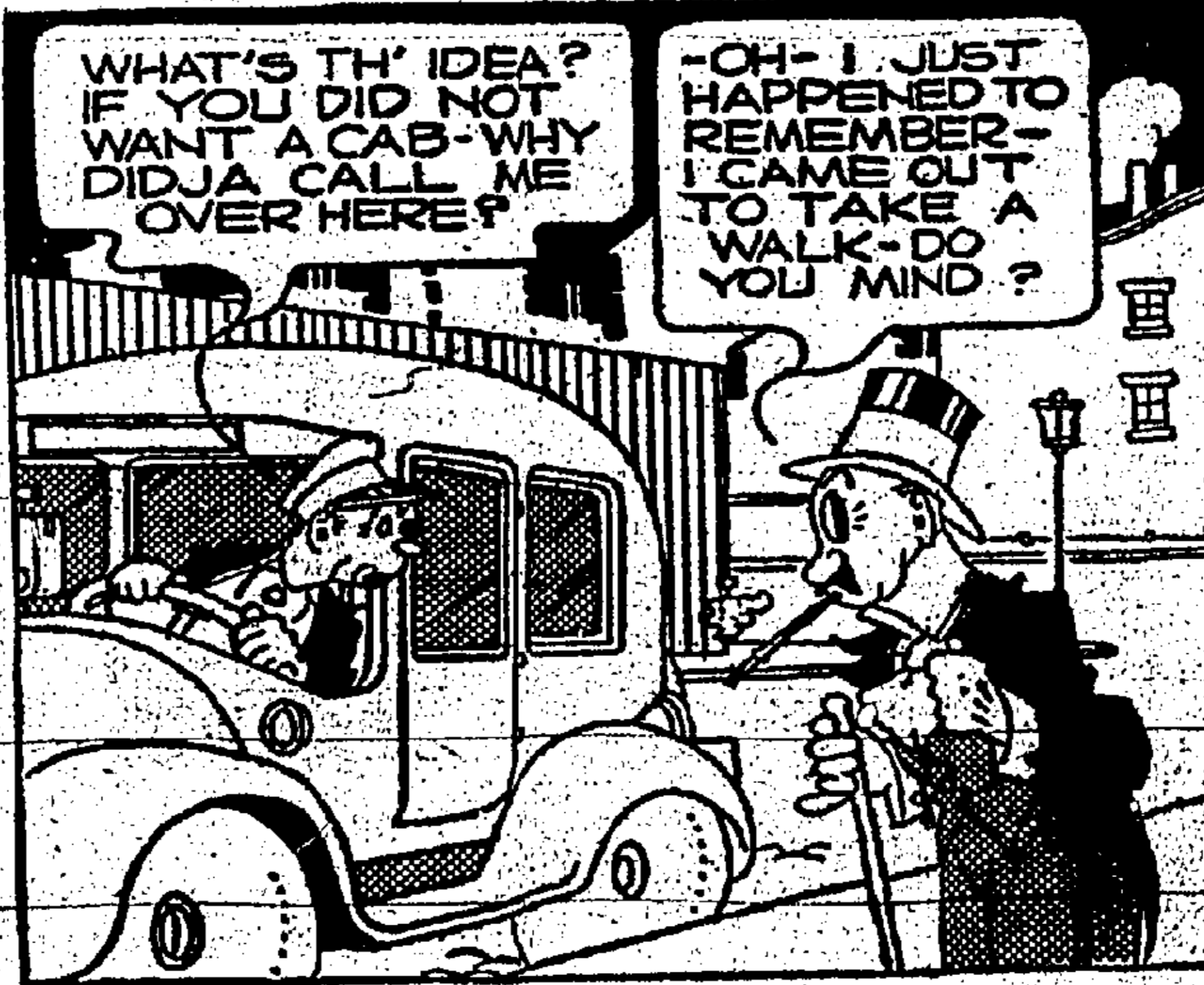
London, To-day.

The Franco Administration having afforded an explanation about the sinking of the British steamer *Alcira*, which the British Government considered unsatisfactory, the British Agent at Salamanca has been instructed to express the Government's opinion that the attack was entirely unjustifiable and that the Salamanca authorities will be held responsible for full compensation for the sinking of the ship and the loss sustained by the crew.

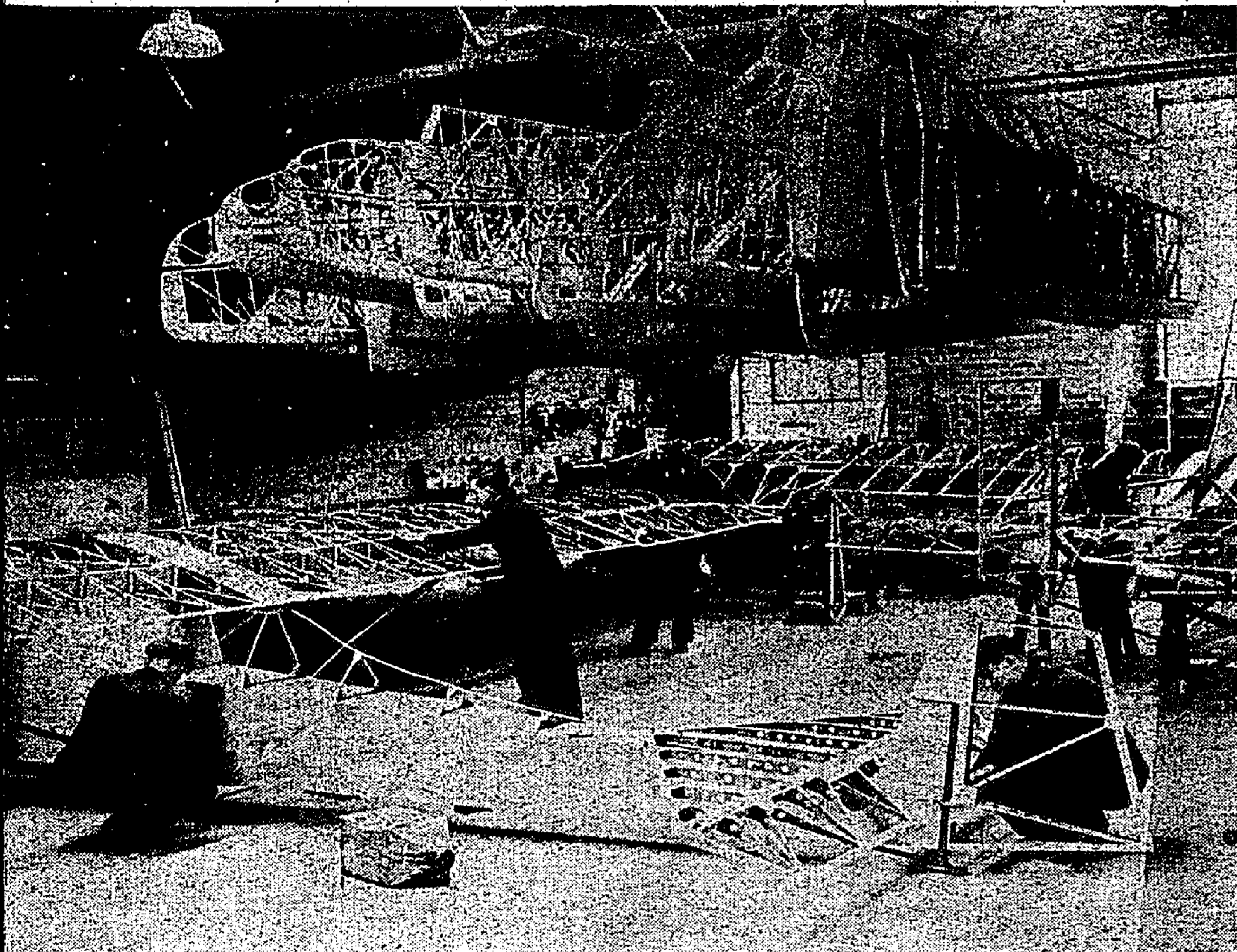
Regarding other incidents in the Mediterranean, Salamanca authorities objected to the strong terms of the British communications which were considered unjustified.

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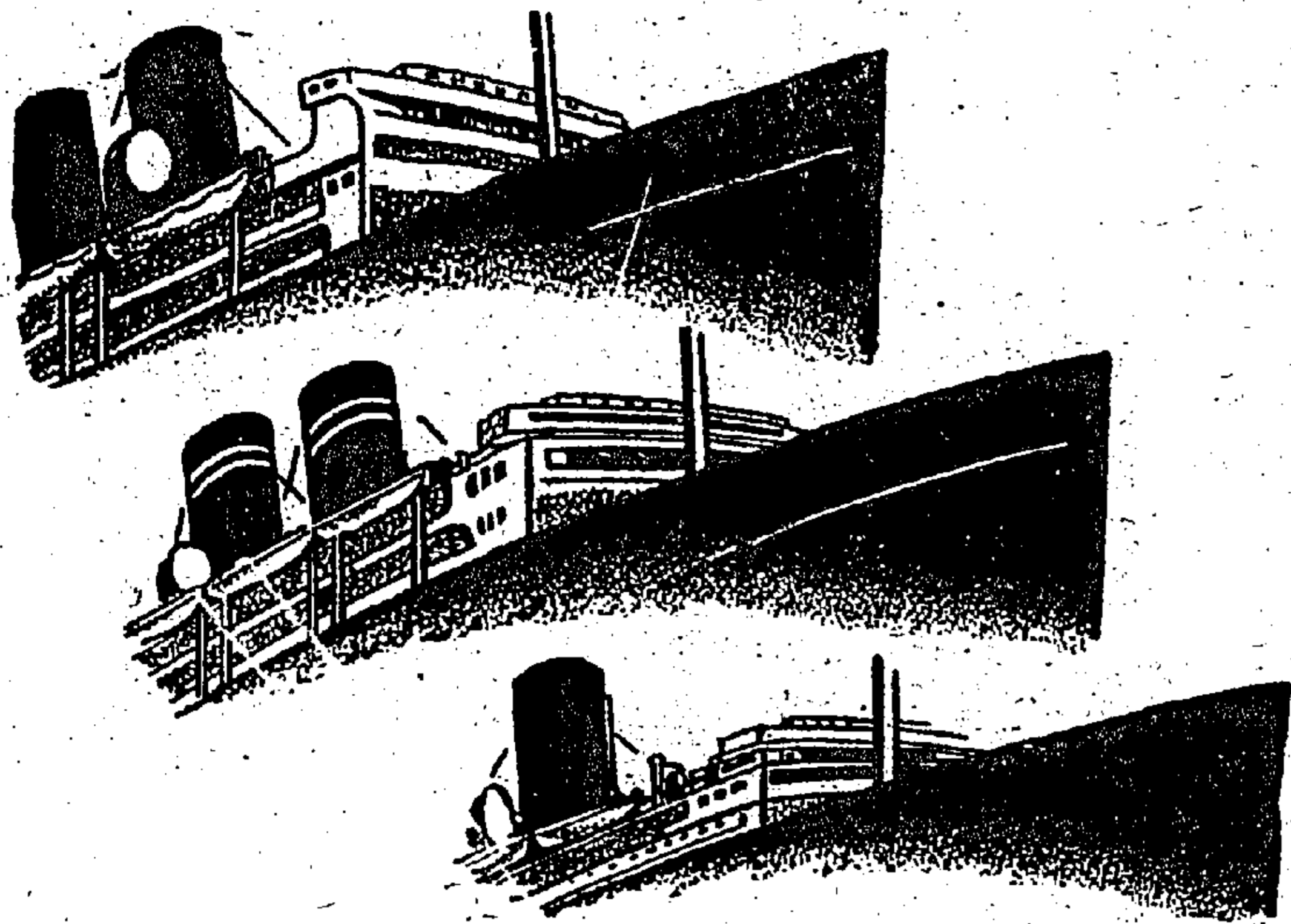
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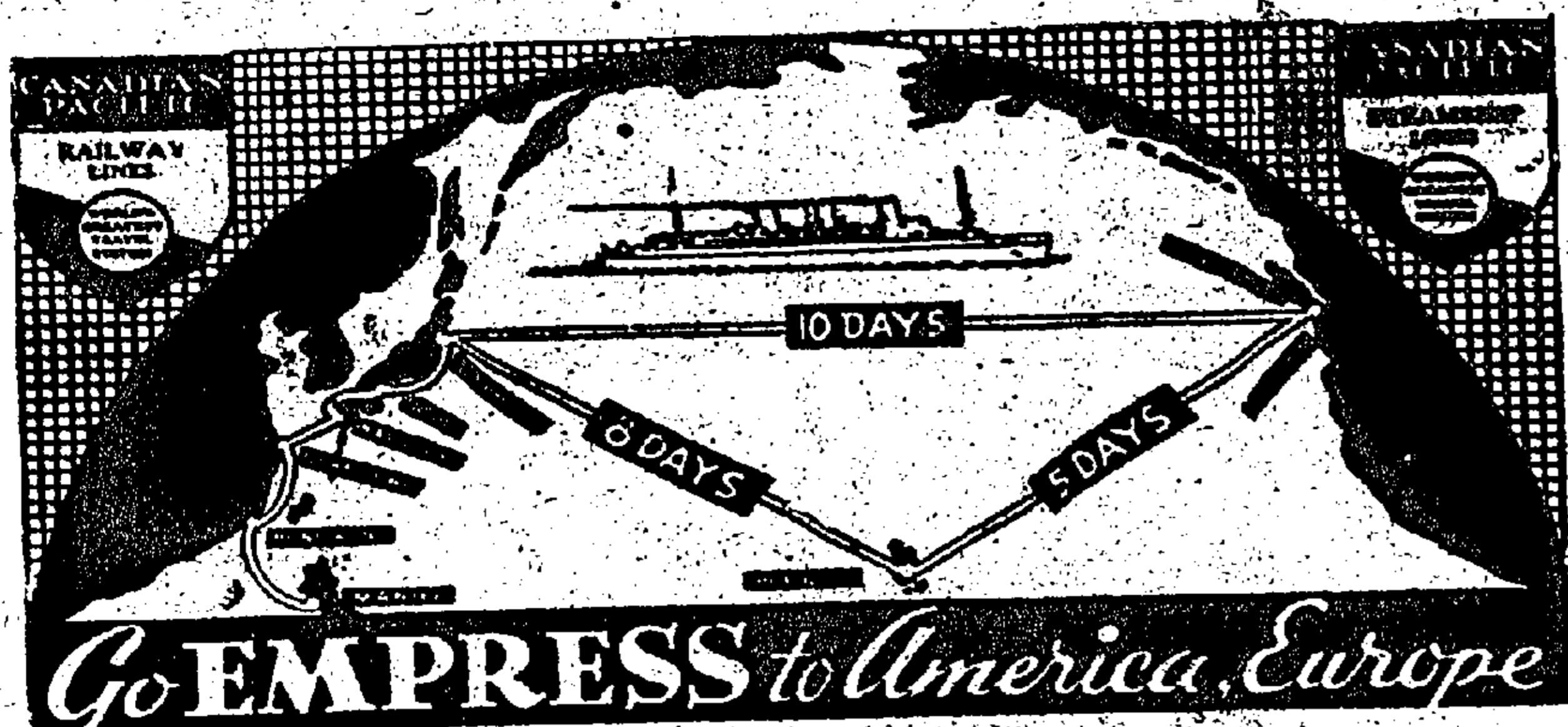
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# CHINESE FARMERS ARE GREATEST SUFFERERS IN THE WAR AGAINST JAPAN

The toughest war veteran in China to-day is the farmer. Half-starved by now, illiterate, little understanding the political issues at stake, the farmers throughout the ravaged countryside have suffered more casualties and donated more food to the armies than any other class of people.

Sixty million villagers have clung to their homes as the Japanese army steamroller descended upon them. Women and children are often sent into the hills or marshes, but many men refuse to desert the graves of their ancestors.

During the confusion of retreats and battles innocent farmers are killed by both sides. On many fronts the Japanese cannot distinguish between peasants and guerillas, as retreating Chinese troops often discard their uniforms.

### GUERRILLAS

An American survey of several villages in North China behind the Japanese lines revealed that most of them had suffered from ten to sixty casualties among non-combatants.

But the surge of battle was only the beginning of the farmer's troubles. The Japanese army easily destroyed the old warlord governments, but have not been able to restore order except along the railways where garrisons are stationed. The countryside is still in the hands of half a million irregulars, defeated Chinese soldiers, and bandits.

These guerillas are eating the farmer's grain, stealing his livestock, carrying off his women, robbing the village merchants, and terrorizing the few officials left in the country.

If the farmer loses all his possessions, he automatically joins the irregulars, forced to live by robbing his neighbours. This is an ancient and accepted custom in China, a natural consequence of every war, famine, or flood. Poverty and need erase all laws, except that of survival.

### TRAGIC STORY

The average farmer has only his mud hut, two acres of land, a crude plow, and a grain barrel, so the brink of bankruptcy is always near. The number of bandits has risen phenomenally since the Japanese invasion began last July.

A Chinese refugee from the town of Chochow, forty miles southwest of Peiping, describes what happens:

"First the Chinese troops entered my village which is eight miles off the railway. Any man who did not join them was considered a traitor, and therefore executed. They took all the food they could carry, burned some of the houses so the Japanese could not use them, and departed.

Next the Japanese came, executed some more men because they had co-operated with the irregulars, took more food, burned more houses, and returned to their barracks in Chochow.

"Attack and counter-attack continued for three months, until all the men had become bandits and their women fled to the hills. Our village is now deserted."

Recently two ragged little boys, aged ten and twelve, trudged into Peking with empty pockets. They said they had walked a hundred miles from the town of Hochien

where their father was impressed into the Chinese army and their mother killed during a battle. This type of penniless victims is pouring into every large city behind the Japanese lines, swelling the hordes of beggars that beset every market.

### ROTTING COTTON

Japanese seizure of the railways and their operation for military purposes have prevented farmers from selling what crops the war left them. More than 2,000,000 bales of cotton are rotting on the farms of Hopei province alone, it is estimated.

Despite their sufferings, few farmers know what patriotism means. Their only interest is their little farm. Government is not their affair. Japanese have taken many photographs of Chinese farmers carrying Japanese flags and welcoming Japanese troops. The genuineness of the "Welcome" is questioned by foreigners who know that the Japanese flag is the only protection the farmer has, and that the farmer who does not welcome the conqueror is regarded as anti-Japanese, and therefore dangerous.

"Do you hate the Japanese?" one group of Chinese farmers was asked recently. The reply was characteristic.

"We hate all soldiers, Chinese and Japanese alike. We only want to be let alone to live and work in peace."

## NEW BANKNOTES FOR NORTH CHINA

Shanghai, To-day.

Banknotes issued by the Federated Reserve Bank of China, which is expected to open for business some time this month, will be North China's sole legal tender, says a semi-official Japanese despatch from Peiping.

Notes issued by the Central Bank of China and the Bank of Communications will gradually be withdrawn from circulation.

Failure of officials to complete the necessary preparations is given as reason for postponement of the opening of the Federated Reserve Bank, originally scheduled for March 1.—Reuter.

### LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar this morning was 1/2%.

"Spot" silver was quoted in London yesterday at 20-1/16 and forward at 19-13/16.

The London on New York rate was quoted at £—U.S.\$5.02 and the New York on London rate at £—U.S.\$5.02.

### Singapore Raw Rubber

Messrs. H. B. Joseph and Co., have received the following quotations in Straits Currency for Raw Rubber:

April/June 24-1/4 b. Up 1/4.  
 July/Sept. 24-5/8 b. Up 1/4.  
 Oct/Dec. 24-7/8 b. Up 1/4.  
 Market: Dull.



# TENNIS OPENS IN GLORIOUS WEATHER

## Lo Brothers Win Very Convincingly

## ALL RESULTS AS ANTICIPATED

## KWOK AND LIANG EXTENDED

(By "ADREM")

**T**HE Gods smiled on tennis yesterday and the Open Championships opened at the Hong Kong Cricket Club in weather that was literally perfect—bright sunshine, the right temperature and little or no wind.

PLAY WAS TYPICAL OF THIS STAGE OF THE TOURNAMENT. IN NO MATCH WAS THERE ANYTHING TO ENTHUSE OVER. THERE WAS A COMPLETE ABSENCE OF CONFIDENCE EVIDENT IN THE MOST SEASONED CAMPAIGNERS AND AS A RESULT MOST OF THE TIES PROVIDED DULL FARE FOR THE CROWD OF SPECTATORS.

All matches went as anticipated—they always do at this stage of the tourney—but the easy victory of the veteran Lo brothers over a pair which is supposed to have occupied a prominent place in Canton tennis, occasioned a certain amount of surprise.

The Los were possibly a little slower in getting around the court than of old but all their strokes were there and they made them with all their old fluency. They were never really extended and it is difficult on this performance to estimate their real capabilities but I am told that in a practice game last week against Willie Hung and Teddy Fincher, they managed to share six sets, so there is obviously plenty of fight left in them yet.

The only match which went the whole distance was between the Army representatives, A. Warr and W. A. Land, and S. W. Liang and Frank Kwok, of C.R.C. It was remarkable chiefly for the pathetically low standard and the large number of errors committed by both sides.

At the outset, the Chinese pair, who appeared very much out of touch, could do nothing right and Warr and Land went out at 2-6. Apparently over-confidence then set in as the result of this success and it appeared to me that they then went for shots that they had not dreamed of attempting in the previous set.

They paid the penalty and Kwok and Liang gradually drew away to win the second set and subsequently the match.

### WILL IMPROVE

The Chinese pair were far from convincing but I have little doubt that they will improve considerably as the tournament advances. Kwok was generally sound, his chief assets being his heavily topped forehand drive and fine retrieving powers. Liang played badly in the first two sets, never appearing to gain control of his strokes but towards the latter stages of the final set, he improved considerably and pulled his weight in fine style.

I must confess that after the promising manner in which he started, I expected far better of Land. He is extraordinarily well-built and has a powerful forehand drive. Apart from some nice winning smashes, however, he revealed himself to be very poorly equipped in

### RESULTS AT A GLANCE

SINGLES	
A. Crawford beat Marsland 6-4, 6-4.	
Leong Ping-chiu beat H. Y. Ho 6-0, 6-0.	
S. A. Rumjahn beat Major F. T. Baines 6-1, 7-5.	
F. V. Harrison beat P. S. Leong 6-1, 6-0.	
E. C. Fincher beat Ma Nai-kwong 6-1, 6-2.	
DOUBLES	
Luke Ding-cheong and Wong Shiu-wing beat A. and H. Chan 6-4, 6-1.	
M. W. and M. K. Lo beat D. K. Leong and B. Szeto 6-1, 6-0.	
F. H. Kwok and S. W. Liang beat W. A. Land and A. Warr 2-6, 6-4, 6-2.	

the way of strokes and made a colossal number of errors.

Warr's was most happy when he was volleying. Although fairly reliable, he never appeared confident off the ground but nevertheless, he played very pluckily. I felt that as a team, the Army pair would have met with more success if Warr had "poached" less. His propensity in this direction never gave Land a decent chance to recover his confidence and there is little doubt that this reacted on him badly towards the end.

### LITTLE OF INTEREST

There was little of interest in the remainder of the programme. Crawford, the youthful K.C.C. player, had quite a good game against Marsland, the C.R.C. junior champion, but I always felt that he had heaps in reserve.

"Sirdar" Rumjahn also had an easy passage against Major Baines. The Major was aggressive and rushed the net at the slightest provocation in an effort to carry the attack into the enemy's camp but his volleying almost invariably broke down under the consistent stream of drives in both hands which flowed from the ex-champion's racket.

### CORINTHIANS SURPRISED IN MACAO

#### Held To Draw As Result Of Last Minute Equaliser

The Islington Corinthians yesterday met a Macao team and could only manage to share two goals.

The Corinthians scored within two minutes of the start, but the Macao defence was very solid thereafter and the equaliser came a minute before full time.



## TO-DAY'S TENNIS PROGRAMME

There is again a big programme of matches in the Colony Tennis Championships down for decision this afternoon none of which look particularly interesting.

Among the potential titlists, who will be on view, are Tsui Yan-pui and W. C. Hung, while the appearance of Lee Wai-tong and Paul Kong is certain to attract a big Chinese gallery.

### PROGRAMME

SINGLES	
J. F. L. Smalley v I. M. A. Razack	
Cdr. Rump v J. C. Pool	
Tsui Yan-pui v W. J. Skinner	
Cheng Ping-yeung v Tinnie Wong	
W. C. Hung v Tinnie Wang	
DOUBLES	
G. W. Sewell and Wei Chung	
T. C. Monaghan and Pang Oi-lam	
Ma Nai-kwong and Leong Ping-chiu	
Li Kwan-hing and Marsland	
A. C. I. Bowker and R. B. Bulpin	
W. M. Barton and F. A. Fowler	
Paul Kong and Ip Cho-ping	
Lee Wai-tong and Lui Kwai-fan	



On first approaching the court on which Leong Ping-chiu was playing H. Y. Ho, I thought that I had inadvertently turned up for a ping-pong match. Ho with studious care was pushing the ball back—where it went he cared not! It availed him little, however, and he failed to break his "duck" in either of the sets.

F. V. Harrison, the Naval player, maintained his promise of last year in scoring a comfortable victory over P. S. Leong, while Teddy Fincher, although the scores would indicate that he was given little opposition, was made to pull out some of his best material to win. Ma drove very well but was not sufficiently consistent to stand up to a sustained driving duel.

In the remaining match, Luk Ding-cheong and Wong Shiu-wing, last year's semi-finalists, were much to steady for the Chan brothers and won as they liked.

## WOMEN GOLFERS WHO WRITE

### PROPOSAL TO LIFT THE BAN

(By GEORGE GREENWOOD)

London, January 19.

The controversy which has arisen round the name of Miss Pam Barton and other prominent women golfers concerning their amateur status will have a sequel at the annual meeting of the Ladies' Golf Union in London on Feb. 9.

The following proposal, supported by Surrey and Kent, will be submitted.

A professional is one who carries clubs for hire or receives any consideration either directly or indirectly for playing or for teaching the game—with the exception of instruction by writing—or for playing in a match or tournament. All others are amateurs.

If this proposal is passed the ban on player-writers receiving payment for instructional and technical articles will be lifted.

### MISS BARTON'S BOOK

Miss Barton, who is 20, after winning the British and American Women's Open championships, published a book, the major part of which was instructional matter on how to play golf.

She was officially informed that if payment was received her amateur status would be forfeited.

## GOODMAN SEEKS BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP

### TO COMPETE AT TROON

(By GEORGE GREENWOOD)

London, January 31.

John Goodman, American amateur champion, has entered for the British Amateur Championship which will be played at Troon, Ayrshire, in the last week in May. Aged 29, and an insurance broker of Omaha, Nebraska, Goodman is ranked as world's leading amateur player.

One of a large family of children, Goodman Jr. began his career as a caddie. At the age of 20 he made a sensational advent into the game by defeating the great Bobby Jones in the first round of the U. S. Championship. Four years later he won the American Open in a field including all the famous professionals. In 1934, when he was last in this country, Goodman led the American team in the Walker Cup match against Great Britain to a decisive victory.

### BEN FOORD MARRIED

Hamburg, January 19.

Ben Foord, the South African heavyweight boxer, who is training here for his fight with Max Schmeling on Jan. 30, revealed to-day that he was secretly married last month to Miss Phyllis Sowter, daughter of Major Sowter, of Ashby-da-la-Zouch.

Foord said the marriage took place on Dec. 3 before he left for Germany. Not even his wife's family knew anything about the ceremony at the time.—Reuter.

# BRILLIANT DISPLAY BY BENWELL

## MACAO BEAT CLUB IN HOCKEY ENCOUNTER

HOME TEAM SECURE EARLY LEAD

[By Our Own Correspondent]

Macao, Sunday.

Brilliant goalkeeping by Benwell featured the hockey match between the visiting Hong Kong Hockey Club and the local side here to-day. Although the Macao team won by a 2 goals to 1, there were times when it was thought a draw would result.

The game started weakly, but soon developed into a fast, hard-hitting encounter with the Macao team dominating the attack.

Macao drew first blood a few minutes later, when Angello, the left-wing, rushed in to take the ball from a scrummage and net the opening goal.

### BENWELL DELIGHTS

Benwell, at this stage, was delighting the crowd with some brilliant saves as Macao repeatedly attacked. Fifteen minutes later Ramalho, receiving the ball from Slater, who had cleverly penetrated the Club defence, scored easily. The Club worked hard to reduce the arrears and were rewarded with their only goal just before the interval arrived through T. Whitley.

Play in the second half was mostly restricted to the midfield, with sporadic raids on each other's goal. The game ended without any further score.

Hong Kong Hockey Club:—Benwell, Flt. Lt. Wallace and Stokes; R. A. Bates, W. A. Reed and N. Whitley; S. A. Fowler, T. Whitley, G. E. R. Divett, B. I. Bickford and V. C. Bond.

Macao:—Almada; R. Rosario and Lammert; Airoso, A. Airoso and Costa; F. Nolasco, S. Ramalho, G. Slater, A. Rosario and Angelo.



## SAPPERS TOO GOOD FOR MACAO SECONDS

Whetton Shines For The Winners

Entertained by Macao's second string, the Royal Engineers won easily by 2 goals to 1 in the match following.

The soldiers were much the better players and their score would have been higher had they not misses several opportunities when inside Macao's circle.

Whetton was outstanding for the visiting team, while Hargreaves, Rosario and Soares proved the mainstays of the local side.

Nichols and Elesley scored for the winners, while Lyle netted Macao's only point.

R.E.:—Dobson; Lieut. Douglas and Swanson; Thornilow, Douglas and Whetton; Nichols, Conner, Elesley, Marriot and Kelly.

Macao:—Sarmiento; Batista and Noronha; Richy, Soares and Nogueira; Rosario, Lyle, Angelo, Hargreaves and F. Soares.



G. E. R. Divett, left, T. Whitley, centre and B. I. Bickford, right, played for the Club against Macao last Sunday, Whitley scoring their only goal.

## Blarney-Stone Rugby Sevens Commence

THRILLING PLAY WITNESSED IN FINE ENCOUNTERS

(By "REFEREE")

THE BLARNEY-STONE RUGBY SEVEN-A-SIDE CHARITY TOURNAMENT COMMENCED YESTERDAY WITH FIVE ENCOUNTERS, ON THE CLUB GROUND, AND PROVIDED THE FEW HANDFUL OF SPECTATORS WITH SOME EXCITING AND EXHILIRATING SPORT, SOME OF THE GAMES BEING VERY CLOSELY CONTESTED BEFORE A DECISION COULD BE ARRIVED AT.

Club "A", the holders of the trophy, advanced to the second round at the expense of the 20th Heavy Bty. R.A., by 19 points to nil, although they had to fight hard for their points, Grieve being brilliant at times.

Royal Scots "A" gave a dashing display to eliminate 24th Heavy Bty. by 15 points to nil, Lt. Douglas paving the way for several scores.

The first encounter of the afternoon was between Middlesex "B" and the Royal Scots "B", but it was not until a few seconds from time that a decision was arrived at, Bailey scrambling over the Scots' goal line in the corner for an unconverted try.

The following represented the winners: Cpl. Keefe; Pte. Ferguson and Cpl. Freshwater; L/Cpl. Moggridge; Sgt. Bailey, Sgt. Marshall and Pte. Cutts.

### SWEEPING WIN

The second clash of the afternoon saw the Royal Scots "A" obtain a sweeping victory over the 24th Heavy Bty., commencing with a penalty goal by Douglass, while Boe dropped a fine goal soon after to give the Scots a lead of seven clear points. In the second half Douglass was featured in a thrilling 70 yards run before scoring between the posts and adding the goal points himself. Just before the end Black went over for another try, which was unconverted.

The winners were represented by:

Sgt. Black; Lt. Douglass and L/Cpl. Boe; Lt. Buchanan; L/Cpl. Simms; Bds. Lane and L/Cpl. Ross.

### GRUELLING GAME

The Middlesex "A" were given a gruelling time by H.M.S. Herald before they managed to secure their winning try late in the second half, although they might have placed the issue beyond doubt earlier on had Weedon scored after a 60 yard run, but was tackled on the goal-line to drop the ball.



Gudgeon opened the scoring for the Middlesex and added the goal points. Soon after Weedon was given a clear run and made for the right corner flag, but Jenkins pulled him down after a wonderful sprint to save a score, the ball rolling free of both players to the dead ball line.

The Herald retaliated strongly and Finney managed to work his way through the Middlesex for a try slightly wide of the posts, which



Jenkins improved upon to level the scores. It was not until late in the second half that Beadnell forced his way over the Herald's line near the corner flag for the winning try.

The winners were represented by: Pte. Jackson; Lt. Gudgeon and Lt. Weedon; Pte. Jones; Cpl. Burrell, Pte. Watson and Lt. Beadnell.

### POLICE SUCCEED

The Police were given a hectic time by the 5th A.A. Bde. and won by a goal to nil, Wilson, who staged a comeback after a season's absence from the game, scoring a fine

## BLARNEY STONE 7-A-SIDE RUGBY RESULTS

Results in brief were:

Royal Scots "A" beat 24th Heavy Bty. by 15 points to nil.

Club "A" (holders) beat 20th Heavy Bty. by 19 points to nil.

Police beat 5th A.A. Bde. by 5 points to nil.

R.E. conceded walk-over by Club "B".

Civil Service beat Small Units by 11 points to nil.

Middlesex "A" beat H.M.S. Herald by 8 points to 5.

Middlesex "B" beat Royal Scots "B" by 3 points to nil.

try after evading three players, Taylor adding the goal points. There was no scoring in the second half.

The Police were represented by: D. H. Taylor; G. S. Wilson and W. Sullivan; W. Morrison; H. W. E. Heath, L. H. Oakley and P. Cullman.

### NEEDHAM'S HEAVY SCORING

Although Club "A" were by no means at full strength, they managed to shake off their heavier opponents, the 20th Bty. and win by 19 points to nil, Grieve and Needham sharing the honours between them. Grieve paved the way for the first score by sending Needham over and Henderson added the goal points. Just before the interval Van Leeuwen crossed the Gunners line for an unconverted try. The Gunners retaliated strongly in the second half, but the Club's tackling was deadly, Needham (2) and Grieve scoring further tries, Henderson adding the goal points for one of them.

The Club were represented by: H. Van Leeuwen; C. F. Needham and W. E. Grieve; J. R. Henderson; J. Leigh, W. E. Peers and J. C. Miller.

### CIVIL SERVICE STRONG

In the last encounter of the afternoon, the Civil Service secured a well-merited victory over the Small Units, B. Hynes placing the issue beyond doubt in the second half when he scored between the posts after beating the opposition from the half-way line.

Taylor opened for the winners with an unconverted try and in the second half MacGrath scored again, Hynes adding the final try which Taylor improved upon.

The winners were represented by: W. M. MacGrath; T. H. Pratt and D. Hynes; J. Redman; A. J. C. Taylor; A. W. Holden and B. Hynes.

# N.S.C. AND BOARD OF CONTROL

## DRIVE TO RIGHT MANY WRONGS FLYWEIGHT TITLE BOUT IN MARCH?

(By B. BENNISON)

GLASGOW.

THERE IS AN IMPRESSION ABOARD THAT THE NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB ARE INTOLERANT OF THE BOXING BOARD OF CONTROL, AND ARE SEEKING TO ESTABLISH THEMSELVES AS THE GOVERNMENT OF THE RING. NOTHING COULD BE FURTHER FROM THE TRUTH. THERE IS NO DESIRE TO USURP THE EXISTING AUTHORITY, BUT TOGETHER WITH EVERY DEEP THINKER THE N.S.C. ARE DECIDED THAT THE MORE RECENT DECISIONS OF THE RULING BODY ARE NOT TO THE GOOD OF THE GAME, AND THAT THERE MUST BE A DRIVE BY ALL RESPONSIBLE PROMOTERS, MANAGERS, AND THE BOXERS THEMSELVES, TO RIGHT MANY AND GRIEVOUS WRONGS.

For myself I am not of the alarmists, nor of the rebels, but such discontent has been bred that, unless the Board mend their ways they will be left high and dry without anything to control. They will inevitably die of inaction. In no branch of sport may the dictator be suffered, and it is as dictators rather than guides, friends and philosophers of the ring that the Board have set up. They have at least no definite constructive policy. On the contrary, they have all too frequently made for discord by arrogating to themselves the right to interfere in matters largely if not wholly domestic.

And seldom have they been remarkable for logic. Repeatedly have they been warned that their meddlesomeness would sooner or later lead to a revolt. They have yet to take heed—with the result that they have now few if any champions.

For the life of me I am at a loss to understand their refusal to see in the re-creation of the National Sporting Club an honest and desperately needed endeavour to give to boxing its rightful place in the world of sport. They have an assurance that the N.S.C. is non-competitive; they have had every evidence that the fighting under their direction is entirely desirable to a vast public; that the central, the only, purpose is to make way for, and give generous encouragement to, comparatively unknown boxers, so that our stock might be improved.

### BROKEN NEW GROUND

And the N.S.C. in the work of matchmaking have not only broken new ground, but put on fights at a cost that has made it possible to see real fighting at a price well within the average pocket. A little more than a week ago they provided Frank Hough with an opportunity to prove that at his particular poundage he was splendidly near to championship class, no genius, it is true, but a hundred-per-cent fighter, willing, above board, and ever ready to toe the mark.

When the N. S. C. were unable to induce Len Harvey to meet Jock M'Avoy at their figure, they put Hough forward as a worthy contender for the light-heavy-weight title in the keeping of M'Avoy. Whereupon the Board, without offering any explanation, declined to include Hough even in an eliminator.

Previously the N. S. C. bid for a fight between Crowley and Mizler. Their purse, so far as I have been able to gather, was the highest bid by any promoter. The Board intimated that they decided again to put the fight up for auction. In their present mood the N.S.C. are indifferent whether Crowley and Mizler fight in their ring. If the



Club maintain their present attitude, Mizler and Crowley will perhaps be left to kick their heels in idleness indefinitely. And that will be just too bad for them.

### ANOTHER CASE

If the Board felt that £450 was not near enough—that was the figure quoted by the Club—they should have been sure that there was a more profitable market for Mizler and Crowley, and not come down with a hammer on John Harding, the manager of the N.S.C. A day or two before Christmas, Phil Zwick, the American light-weight, came to me in great distress because the B.B.B.C. would not agree to an extension of a permit to remain in this country.

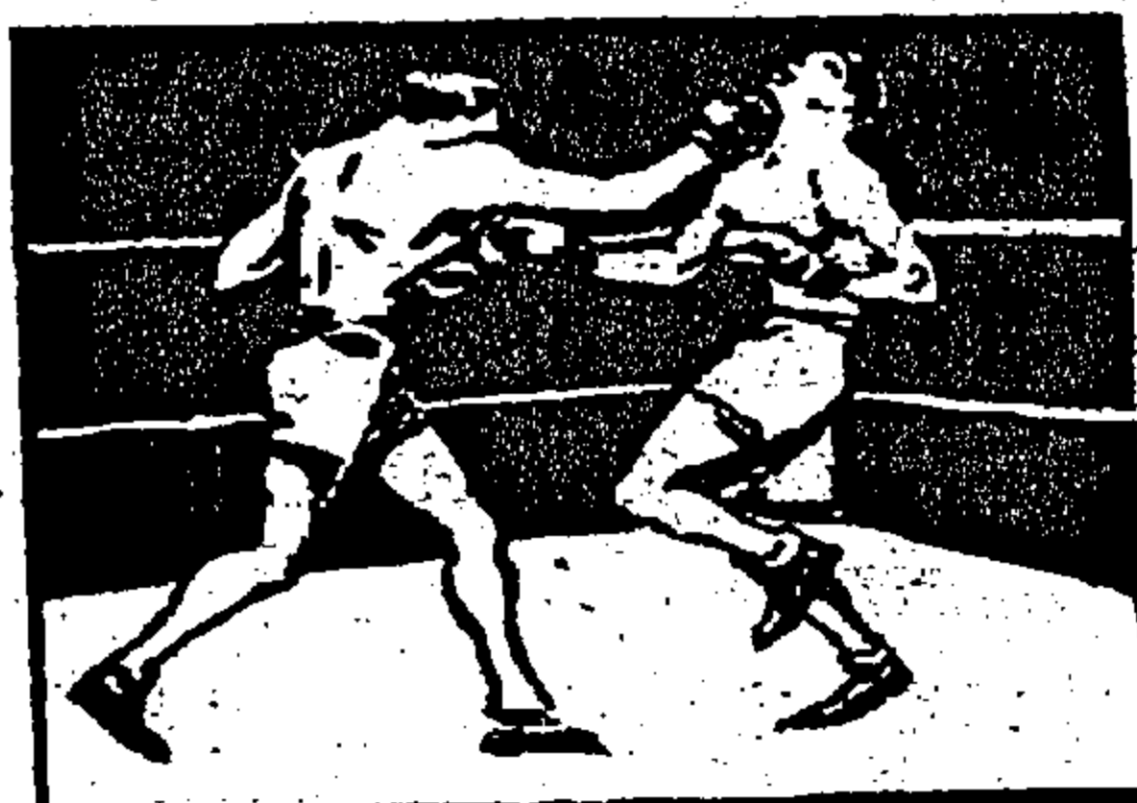
I am pleased to learn that the Home Office have decided that Zwick may stay here three months longer; and at the expiration of that period I have little doubt that, if he desires further to prolong his visit, he may

### TILDEN AND COCHET FOR SOUTH AFRICA

#### Permission Given After Big Controversy

Following a rather heated discussion, the South African Lawn Tennis Union has given its blessing to a tour of the Union by a professional team, including W. T. Tilden and H. Cochet, by granting permission to the various bodies and clubs to loan their courts. The proposal was not carried without a good deal of hard speaking, chiefly by the vice-president, H. J. Crocker, who is dead against professionalism.

"There may be considerable enthusiasm at the prospect of such a tour," he said, "but I don't share it. The spectacle of players engaged in exhibitions for their own personal benefit is no more attractive to some of us than watching a plumber repairing a leak in a bathroom." However, H. J. Crocker was overruled, and Tilden and Cochet, with possibly R. Ramillon and A. Burke, will tour South Africa in March.



do so. "What," asked Zwick, "have I done to deserve the order of the boot? My record is without a blemish, and I am not here to work at the expense of any native fighter." I can assure the Boxing Board of Control that they have antagonised many sportsmen, whose support they cannot afford to do without, by their attitude to Zwick. I know no more desirable visitor than the American.

### FATE OF "HECTORS"

If the Board persist in playing the part of the "Hector" of the ring, their failure to govern will be complete. My information is that M'Avoy would not be averse from defending the cruiser championship against Hough.

If and when the N.S.C. match them, and the Board of Control decline to recognise it as a championship, I hope the Club will put M'Avoy and Hough in their ring, and, as sure as night follows day, the winner will be accepted by the public as the best light-heavy-weight

(Continued at foot of Next Col.)

## TOLLEY WINS PRESIDENT'S PUTTER AT LAST

### Great Golf In Gale At Rye

(By GEORGE GREENWOOD)

Rye, January 16.

After many attempts, Cyril Tolley, at the age of 42, has won Oxford and Cambridge Society's tournament for the President's Putter. In the final of 18 holes here to-day he beat Kenneth Scott (22), captain of the Oxford University team and a member of a famous golfing family, by 2 holes.

Thrice previously he had reached the final and each time was beaten by Sir Ernest Holderness. Tolley had to fight hard and also play his very best to shake off first Leonard Crawley and then Scott, who, in the last 18 months, has made tremendous strides.

It will be a matter for surprise if Scott is not seriously considered for a place in this year's Walker Cup team against America.

In the final Tolley began in hurricane fashion—3, 4, 3, 3—and was 3 up. He should have started with a sequence of four 3's, but a shortish putt was missed at the second.

Against these hammer blows, Scott fought on so bravely that the match was square at the 11th, where Tolley hooked an iron shot into a garden, and it was still in the same state with three holes to play.

### DECISIVE HOLE

The 16th was the decisive hole for the second time during the day. Tolley hit a glorious brassie shot to the green, while Scott sliced over a cart track. Tolley, who won the hole in 4, holed a beautiful putt at the 17th for a half in 3. Having topped his second shot and hit a woman spectator with his third to the 18th, Scott was never in sight of a half.

Tolley, who was round in 72 to 74, was level 4's for the day's play of 36 holes, a standard of play in a strong and boisterous wind, of the highest order. His position as chairman of the Walker Cup team selection committee, which precludes him from being a member of the side, is bordering on the absurd.

None is playing better, and yet, according to the St. Andrews ruling, Tolley is unable to take an active part in the match. Tolley's comment is, "The R. and A. have laid down the conditions, and there it is." The way out of the impasse seems fairly obvious.

in Britain. The fight would be of no greater importance, nor would it be a greater attraction, if given the blessing of the Board of Control.

### FLYWEIGHT TITLE BOUT

At the time of writing a match for the world's fly-weight championship between Benny Lynch and Peter Kane, at Liverpool on the eye of the Grand National, has not got beyond the negotiating stage. It would be a fight after the common heart, if there were a certainty that Lynch and Kane can still make 8 stone.

I suggest that, as soon as possible, we should be told whether the Scot and the Lancashire lad are physically competent to fight at the fly-weight limit, or whether they propose to move up to the bantams. I trust that neither of them will put himself through a burning-out process.

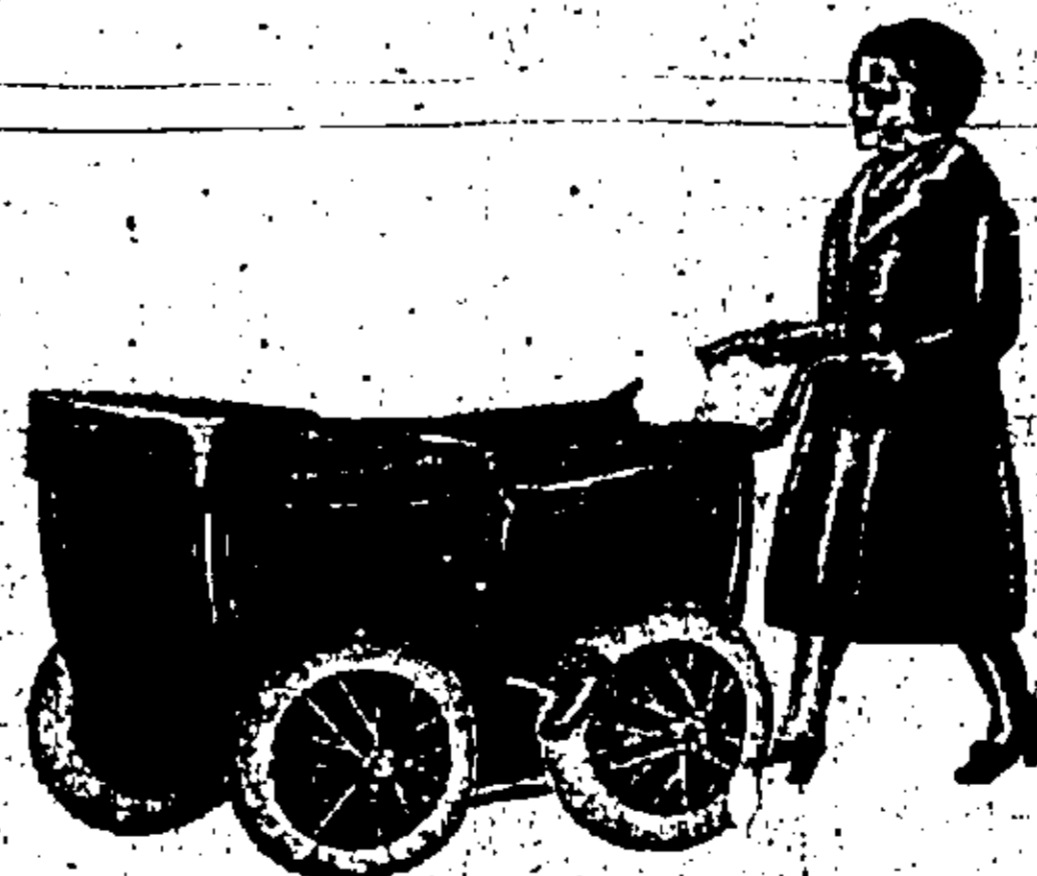
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### PACKED HOUSE CHEERS WIN OVER LAURIOT

(By HAROLD LEWIS)

London, January 25.

**F**RANK HOUGH, the extraordinarily popular Battersea boxer, again drew over 8,000 people to the Empress Stadium, Earl's Court—and many hundreds more who failed to gain admission—to see him win a very hard, exciting fight on points by a narrow margin against Marcel Lauriot, light heavyweight champion of France.

WHEN HOUGH SENT LAURIOT CRASHING TO THE FLOOR IN THE SEVENTH ROUND THE CHEERING WAS OF THAT ALL-OBBLITERATING BLUR WHICH DEAFENS ONE AND WELL-NIGH NUMBS THE BRAIN. AND WHEN THE LINGERING DOUBTS AS TO HIS VICTORY WERE SET AT REST BY THE HOLDING ALOFT OF HOUGH'S GLOVE BY MR. MOSS DEYONG, THE REFEREE, THE ROAR WAS EVEN WORSE AND MORE PROLONGED.

The hero-worship of Hough mystifies ring-side amateur psychologists, but it was plain enough during this fight to see the little instinctive sportsmanlike tricks which have endeared him to the crowd.

He was hit low twice, but never complained and boxed on. The referee cautioned the Frenchman on each occasion. His boxing was all-action, though some, including myself, might quibble as to its quality in some respects.

**CONGRATULATED OPPONENT**  
Once, in the ninth round, when Lauriot fought his way out of trouble cleverly and pluckily, Hough congratulated him as they broke apart, by tapping him on the shoulder. At the end of that round, someone from the members' enclosure shouted to him to "have one more go."

He turned round and answered with a cheery grin. "Righto! I'll go all out!"

The fuss he made of Lauriot when the fight was over was obviously spontaneous. His friendliness was simply oozing from him, and he literally helped the crowd to cheer his beaten opponent.

Hough is a patently modest chap and none of these incidents could possibly be construed as playing to the gallery. He is just naturally a happy-go-lucky young man—exceedingly lucky at the present time.

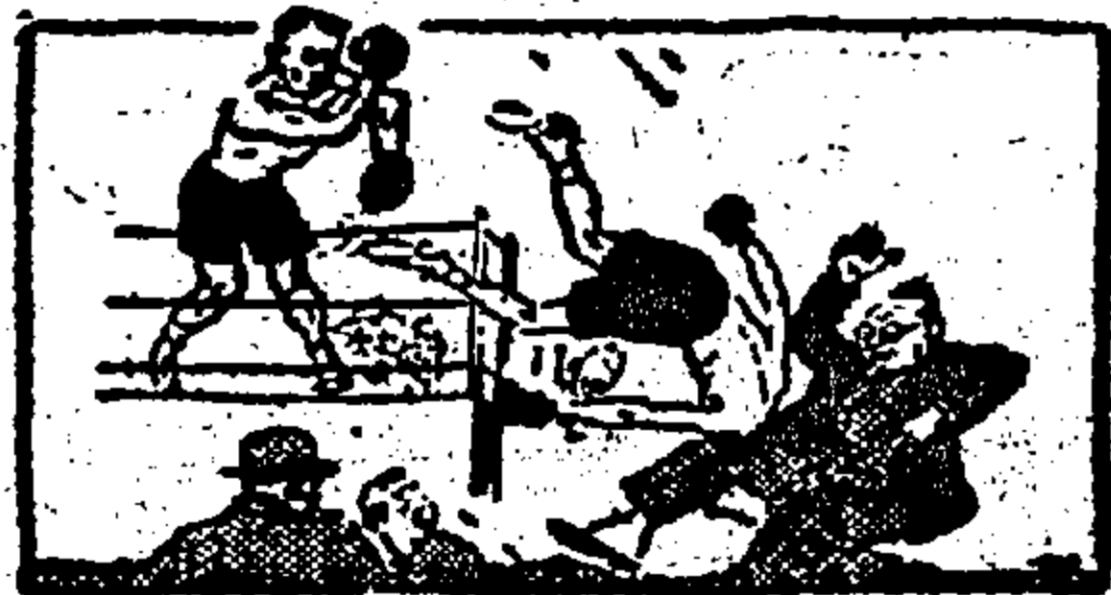
#### GRUELLING MIX-UP

The fight was a gruelling mix-up from start to finish. Lauriot, a tremendously strong, aggressive, ginger-haired young Frenchman, had a better right hand than Hough and a weird but confusing variety of attacking blows, all hooks, swings and long uppercuts.

He was cautioned in the first round for a low blow and again in the third, but these were purely accidental. Hough, who had set out with the idea of forcing the fight, soon found the fight forced upon him, and changed his tactics quickly.

#### CHANGED TREND OF FIGHT

He looked rather tired when, in the seventh round, he changed the trend of the fight by one swift, well-timed right cross to the jaw as Lauriot came rushing in.



Lauriot's knees banged on the floor, and he was in bad shape when he got up.

However, Hough, though cool in looking for a vital opening, fell into his bad habit of cuffing him that chance came, and Lauriot recovered and fought strongly at the end. There could have been only a small margin in favour of Hough.

### PETER KANE'S PLANS AS A BANTAM-WEIGHT

To Meet Lynch Again At Liverpool

(By HAROLD LEWIS)

London, January 21.

Peter Kane of Golborne, will shortly begin the second stage of his boxing career as a bantam-weight, and among the plans already made for him is a return match with Benny Lynch of Glasgow, British and world's fly-weight champion, at bantam-weight, at the Liverpool F.C. ground, on March 24, the eve of the Grand National.

Kane was knocked out by Lynch when he challenged for the fly-weight title at Glasgow last October, and has not fought since, despite many tempting offers. It was obvious last year that he was finding the fly-weight limit of 8st. difficult to attain without weakening himself, though, apart from that, he was outboxed by Lynch.

Kane has definitely relinquished ambitions in the fly-weight class, and should now be a fully-grown



An exciting action scene from the Army Seven-a-side Rugby Tournament held last Wednesday. ("Mail" photo).

## VANA NEW TABLE TENNIS CHAMPION

**B**OHUMIL VANA, an 18-year-old Czechoslovakian, became table tennis champion of the world on Saturday when, in the final of the men's singles at Wembley, he defeated the 19-year-old Austrian, Richard Bergmann, holder of the title, by 3 games to 1.

The young Czech is one of the most completely equipped players in the game. He lacks a really strong attacking backhand, but against Bergmann his forehand drives, with tremendous topspin, and clever drop shots were most effective.

Bergmann did not reveal his usual "fire," and Vana relied to a great extent on mistakes of his rival to secure his points.

Bergmann took the first game, after a tremendous struggle, but Vana was always on top afterwards, winning the next three games to take the title.

#### REMARKABLE SCENES

There were remarkable scenes during the women's singles final in which Miss Trudi Pritzi, the Austrian, who was in the abandoned final with Miss Ruth Aarons (U.S.A.) last year, defeated Miss Depetrisova, of Czechoslovakia, in three straight games.

So rare were the attacking shots that spectators began to lose their patience. Hand-clapping in unison broke out during the play, and the attacking strokes were greeted with ironical cheers.

#### FOR FIRST TIME

For the first time in the history of the championships an Englishwoman was successful in a final. Miss W. Woodhead, of Amersham, and L. Bellak defeated Vana and Miss Votrubicova, the holders, in the mixed doubles final by 3 games to 2.



### F. A. STILL CONSIDERING CUP FINAL GROUND

The F.A. Council, at their meeting in London recently, considered the report of the Finance and General Purposes Committee regarding increased accommodation at the Cup Final and England v. Scotland matches, and deferred it for further consideration at the Council's meeting on Feb. 14, the Council in the meantime to be supplied with further information.

The existing contract between the F.A. and Wembley has six years to run.

The Council agreed to a proposal by Mr. C. E. Sutcliffe, the Football League president, that the playing season of 1938-39 be extended to include Saturday, Aug. 20, 1938, so that clubs may play matches to raise funds for the Football League £100,000 Jubilee Fund scheme or other charitable objects.

Gross proceeds of the matches, the Council decided, must be devoted to the charities and consent obtained from the county associations concerned.

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# St. David's Day Welsh Programme

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12.30 p.m.—A Welsh Programme.

The Leek—Selection (Middleton).

The London Palladium Orch. cond. by Richard Crean.

Praise Of Wales (Gairionydd and Wwlyd).

The Gipsy (Crwys).

William Edwards (Tenor) with Harp accomp. by Telynores Gwyngyll.

Dear Wales (Roberts).

The Village Spring (Roberts).

Leila Megan (Contralto) with Piano accomp. by T. Osborne Roberts.

All Through The Night.

March Of The Men Of Harlech (Welsh Air).

Royal Mountain Ash Male Choir.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—Barnabas Von Geczy and His Orchestra.

Poem (Fibich).

Malaga (Rixner).

Ragamuffin (Rixner).

Pony (Rixner).

Blue Skies (Rixner).

Siciliana (Apollonio).

Forget It, And Smile (Bohmelt).

Puszt (Mihaly).

Fresh Breezes (Borchert).

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press; Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.40 p.m.—Relay of the Rotary Tiffin Speech from The Roof Garden on the Hong Kong Hotel. Speaker: T. Smith, Esq., Manager, Islington Corinthians.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.00-6.45 p.m.—Chinese Programme.

6.45 p.m.—London Relay—The BBC Welsh Orchestra.

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Orchestra: The Girls Horn; Y Ddraig Goch (Thomas).

7.30 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations.

7.35 p.m.—New Variety.

Dance Orch.—

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Vocal—

Climbing Up The Golden Stairs (arr. Hill Billies).

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Grub (Grick-Handley-Frankau).

Music (Grick-Handley-Frankau).

Murgatroyd & Winterbottom.

Piano—

China Doll Parade (Zamecnik).

52nd Street—Selection.

Patricia Rossborough.

8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—Military Band Music.

Mechanized Infantry—Quick March (McBain) (Aldershot Command Searchlight Tattoo—1936).... Massed Bands Of The Aldershot & Eastern Commands cond. by David McBain.

"The Arcadians" Selection (Monckton).... The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards cond. by Lt. J. C. Windram.

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—Great Scientific Discoveries: The Breath of Life by Jonquil Antony. The story of Antoine Lavoisier and his discovery of oxygen. Production by John Richmond.

8.45 p.m.—Welsh Programme.

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Rhonda Welsh Glee Singers.

Dafydd Y Garreg Wen (arr. Osborne Roberts).

Y Bwthyn Bach To Gwllt (arr. Osborne Roberts)..... Leila Megan (Contralto).

Savoy Welsh Medley (arr. Somers).

New Mayfair Orchestra.

Cywydd Y Gof (Gwilym Hualthog).

Breuder Bywyd (Bardd Nantglyn).

William Edwards (Tenor) with Harp accomp. by Telynores Gwyngyll.

Ar Hyd Y Nos.

My Little Welsh Home ("Songs of the Welsh Mountains"—Williams).

Leila Megan (Contralto).

Mentra Gwen.

Yu Iach I Ti Cumri.

Evan Williams (Tenor).

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—British Industries Fair, 1938. Kenneth Adam interviews overseas visitors.

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.50 p.m.—Beethoven—Concerto No. 3 In C Minor, Op. 37. Played by Arthur Schnabel (Piano) and the London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Dr. Malcolm Sargent.

10.26 p.m.—Songs by Elisabeth Schumann (Soprano).

Night And Dreams (Collin-Schubert); Happiness (Holtz-Schubert); Near The Beloved (Goethe-Schubert); Laughing And Weeping (Ruckert-Schubert).... Piano accomp. by Gerald Moore.

10.34 p.m.—D'Indy—Suite For Flute, Violin, Viola, Violoncello And Harp. Op. 91. Played by the Quintette Instrumental De Paris.

10.50 p.m.—Mendelssohn—Fingal's Cave—Overture. Played by St. Louis Symphony Orchestra cond. by Rudolph Ganz.

11.00 p.m.—Close down.

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9.15 a.m.—"Empire Exchange."

9.30 a.m.—St. David's Day Concert.

10.00 a.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 10.15 a.m.

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12.15 p.m.—"Great Scientific Discoveries The Breath of Life."

12.45 p.m.—Violin Recital by Lisa Minghetti.

1.15 p.m.—"British Industries" Fair, 1938. Kenneth Adam interviews overseas visitors.

1.30 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 1.45 p.m.

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3.45 p.m.—Harp Recital by Frederick Hall.

4.00 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 4.15 p.m.

4.20 p.m.—The St. David's Singers.

4.40 p.m.—The Private Soldier—3. A talk by Ian Hay.

5.00 p.m.—Close Down.

## BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

## Slam Bidding

Judging by my correspondence, interest in slam bidding is unabated. Every week I receive more letters about it than upon any other subject.

It is perhaps a tribute that this feature, which is really a side line, should have assumed such prominence. I like to take the view that it is due not to avarice but to the sporting instincts of people who love to take risks, even, sometimes, hair-raising risks.

The amusing side is that well-bid and justifiably bid slams often fail to materialize, while daringly called hands sometimes meet with undeserved success.

Here is an example from the Transvaal, South Africa:—

### NORTH

S.—Q 7  
H.—J 8 5  
D.—Q J 10 9 6 5 3  
C.—4

### WEST

S.—A J 10 6  
H.—3  
D.—A 7 4 2  
C.—A K 8 7

### EAST

S.—K 9 3 2  
H.—Q  
D.—K 8  
C.—Q J 10 6 5 2

### SOUTH

S.—8 5 4  
H.—A K 10 9 7 6 4 2  
D.—None  
C.—9 3

Score, game all. West deals. Details of the preliminary bidding are not given but the final round was West "Six Clubs," South "Six Hearts," doubled by West.

No doubt South's bid was sacrificial and he might, and should, have been two down.

Yet, amazing to relate, he made his Contract and an overtrick!

West led the Ace of Diamonds. South ruffing, led the Ace of Hearts. He now had two entries in Dummy with the Knave and 8 of Hearts. Putting North in, he led the Queen of Diamonds, established the suit and got rid of all his losers. Truly wonderful to make a grand slam against three Aces and three Kings!

Why West elected to open with the Ace of Diamonds is not disclosed. But he probably thought the Club lead hopeless and the Diamond Ace better than the Spade.

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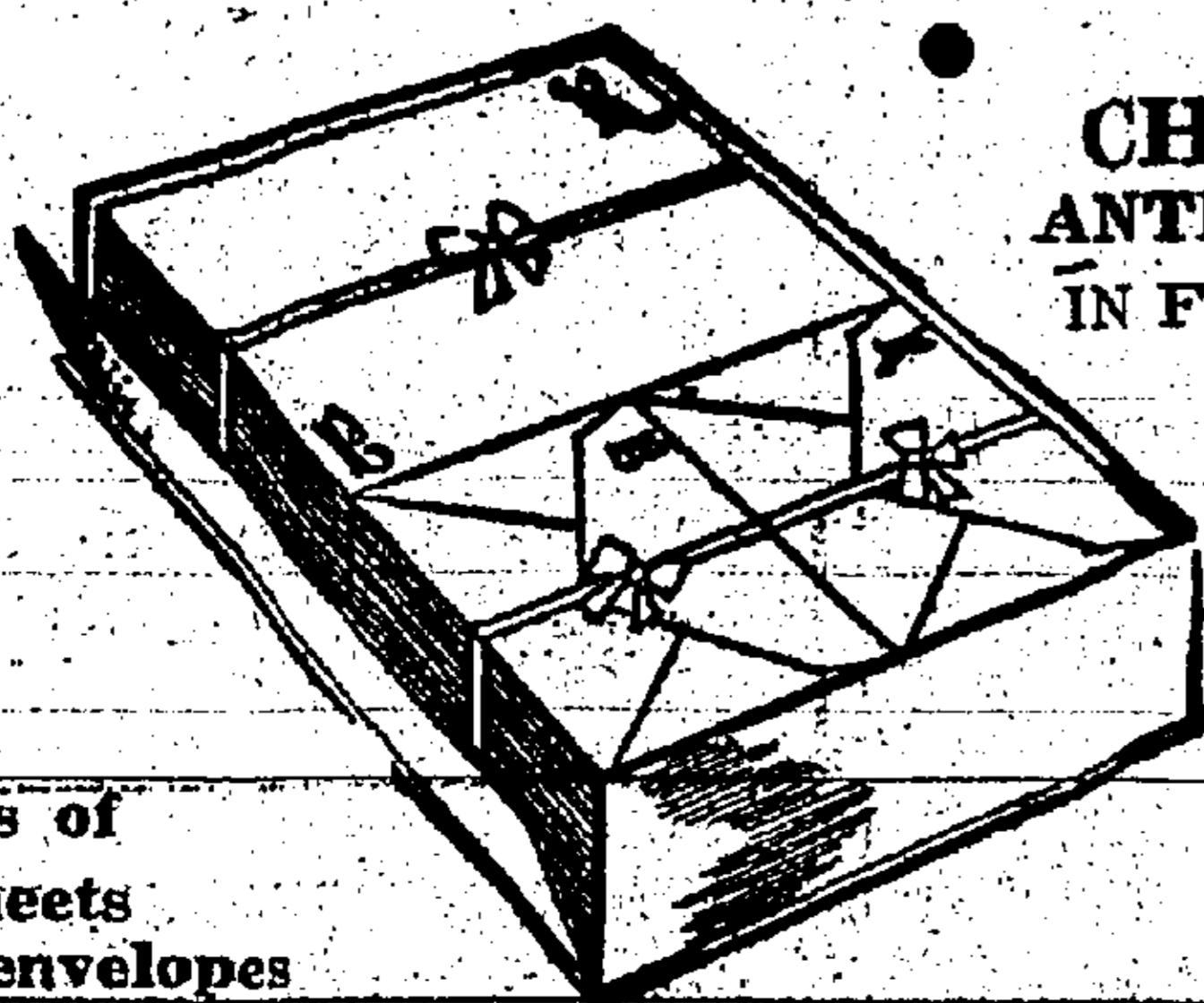
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Berlin, To-day.

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The League, he revealed, has a membership of over 11,000,000 adults.

In keeping with experience already gained, from 10 to 22 per cent. of the population of each town in Germany will be enrolled for air raid defence and will undergo a course of training.

Completion of this plan will mean that 12,000,000 Germans will be trained in air raid defence.

### 14,000 SHELTERS

Extent of the work already accomplished is evident from the fact that the Air Defence League has established 63,000 service stations, 2,500 stations for advising the public on air defence, and 14,000 fully equipped air raid shelters.

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Moreover there will be 500 main training centres organised in fifteen provincial groups. The Na-

## MR. T.A. MARTIN OPERATED ON

Mr. Thomas Addis Martin, of Messrs. Caldbeck Macgregor and Battery Commander of the Corps 1st Battery, H. K. V. D. C. was successfully operated on at the War Memorial Hospital yesterday for appendicitis and is making favourable progress.

Captain T. A. Martin was at camp at Pakshawan during the week end with the "L" section of his battery returning late on Sunday night. He went to the hospital yesterday morning for observation when it was found that an operation was advisable.

As a result Captain Martin will not participate in the combined manoeuvres.

## Ambassador At Foreign Office

London, To-day.

Lord Perth, British Ambassador in Rome, paid another call on Lord Halifax at the Foreign Office yesterday in connection with the impending Anglo-Italian talks. — British Wireless.

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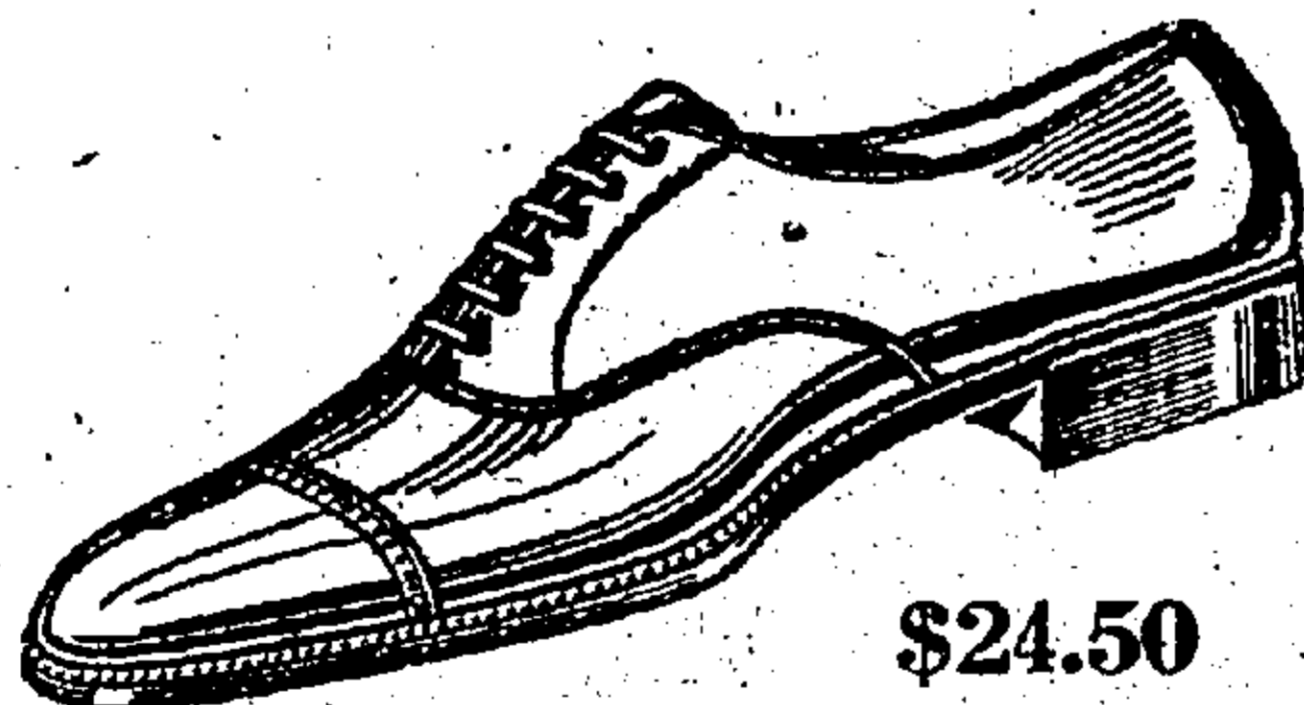
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